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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Germany is caught between an obvious lack of a military opportunity to launch a large-scale offensive under the present circumstances and the need to "do something" for reasons of internal policy, according to Otto Tolischus, Berlin correspondent of the "New York Times."

He declares that certain military chiefs are urging an offensive now, despite the unfavourable conditions, because they feel that the situation is deteriorating daily, and because inaction and constant threats not followed by an attack strongly affect the Army's morale and discipline also, the superiority in armaments which Germany possessed at the beginning of the war is diminishing daily.

The same circles point out that the only alternative to an attack, is a long, economic resistance and wonder which form of warfare would claim more German lives.

Hitler, probably instinctively favours a desperate, armed action, but apparently such a step is opposed by almost all his leading generals and by Field-Marshal Goering himself.

MORE VOLUNTEERS
FOR FINLAND

Paris, To-day.
Reports from the Scandinavian countries show that the number of individuals volunteering for service in the army in Finland has increased sharply in the last few days.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-East
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VIOLENT ATTACK ON
WIDE FRONT BEING
PREPARED(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
COPENHAGEN, TO-DAY.

TRAVELLERS ARRIVING FROM GERMANY CONFIRM THE IMPRESSION GAINED IN MILITARY CIRCLES THAT GERMANY IS PREPARING A SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK AGAINST THE WESTERN PART OF THE FRENCH FRONT, BELGIUM AND HOLLAND.

Mass transportation of troops—such as was not witnessed even in the Great War—has been noted.

Seventy divisions have been massed on the French and Belgian borders and 18 on the Netherlands border.

Travellers note that the thrust might be postponed until one of Hitler's "lucky days," in which the superstitious dictator firmly believes.

"The next such day is January 31, the anniversary of his ascension to power."—Havas.

Logical Steps

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday, said that the precautions taken by the Belgian and Netherlands Governments were logical steps by both governments.

In spite of the obvious interest in the preservation of peace and their neutrality, they were faced by formidable concentrations of German troops and the ill-omen of a German press campaign against them.

The Premier spoke with admiration of the calm and courage which marked the actions of the two governments and the reaction of the Dutch and Belgian peoples.—Reuter.

DUTCH MILITARY
MISSION IN ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

A Netherlands military mission, headed by Major-General Hasselmann, recently arrived in Italy and is at present studying Italian war industry with a view to placing important orders on behalf of the Dutch Army.—Havas.

SNOW ON FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Snow is now falling along practically the whole length of the Maginot Line.—Reuter.

NOT TO BE
TAKEN AS
PRECEDENT

Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt, in a statement, on the proposed financial gift to Finland to aid in the fight against Soviet aggression, said that any action taken by the United States in this direction must not be construed as a precedent for American intervention in the European War.—Reuter.

CANADIAN
AIR FORCE
OFF TO WAR

Ottawa, To-day.

The first unit of the Royal Canadian Air Force designated for overseas service is the City of Toronto Army Co-operation Squadron, whose average age is 24 to 25.

This was revealed in a broadcast last night on Canada's war effort.—Reuter

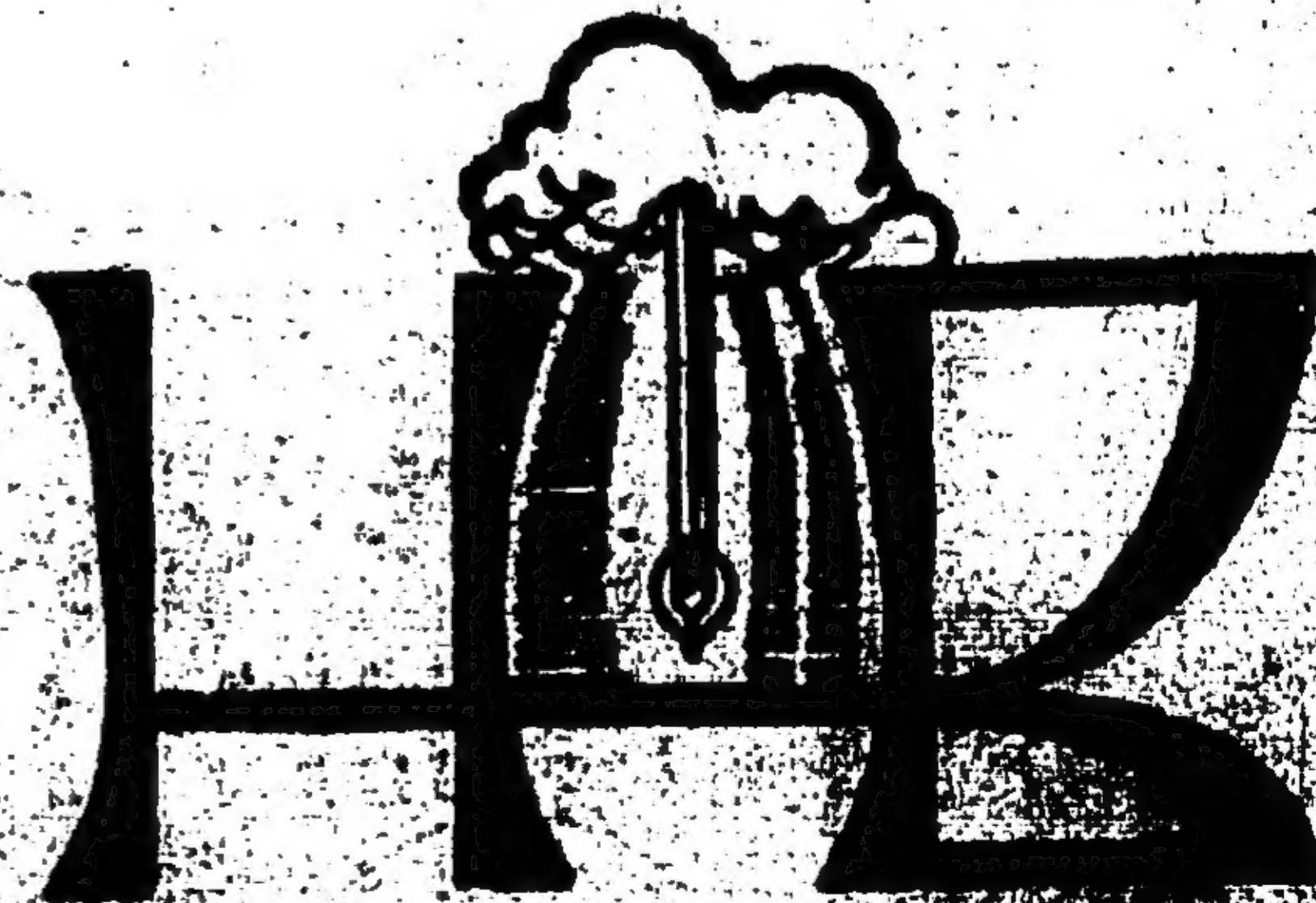
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AMERICAN
HARBOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

San Francisco, To-day.

The "San Francisco Examiner" reports that the United States Navy is soon to instal in all important American harbours steel nets against submarines.—Havas.

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SHARP FRENCH REPLY TO JAPANESE ALLEGATIONS

Paris, To-day.

A COMPLETELY CATEGORICALLY official denial
has been given to reports from Japanese sources
that arms and munitions are being sent to South
China by the French Indo-China Railway.

It is stated that the insistence of
these reports, which French circles are
obliged to deny, as regularly as they
are circulated, appear to reflect the
desire of certain Japanese circles,
particularly military circles, to jus-
tify by military considerations the
destruction by aerial bombardment
of the last railway communication
existing with that part of China which
is free from Japanese occupation.

The statement says that the
greater part of the traffic on this
line consists of goods from the
United States.

If these allegations and the bom-
bardments are repeated, French cir-
cles will be tempted to think that
despite the orientation of the Japa-
nese Government, which does not de-
sire to increase the difficulties in re-
lations with the Western Powers, these
acts come from the Japanese military
cliques which think that they need
not respect, with due discipline, the
instructions coming from higher au-
thorities and the Japanese Govern-
ment.—Reuter.

AN ODD "COINCIDENCE"

Amsterdam, To-day.
An odd coincidence is the sub-
ject of much unofficial comment.
During the last Lowland scare,
in November, a Dutch ship, the
Sledricht, was sunk. Promptly on
the heels of the present tension,
the Arendskerck has been torpe-
doed by a Nazi U-boat.—Reuter.

PRINCESSES ARRIVE IN LONDON

London, To-day.
The King and Queen and the two
Princesses returned to London yester-
day from Sandringham, where they
have been staying since just before
Xmas.

The King held a Privy Council at
Buckingham Palace and handed to
Mr. Oliver Stanley his seal of office
as Secretary for War.

Sir John Reith, the new Minister of
Information, was sworn in and both
were later received by the King in
audience.—Reuter.

NOT KEEN TO TRAVEL

[SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL"]

San Francisco, To-day.
Several sailors of the German
steamer "Columbus" which was
scuttled on December 19, last year,
have cancelled their passage to Ger-
many via the Far East fearing cap-
ture by British warships. — Havas.

BIDS TO BOOST U.S. DEFENCES

Washington, To-day.
New warships costing \$276,000,000
will be needed by 1945 in order to
complete the Navy's current and pro-
posed construction programme, ac-
cording to Admiral Stark's testimony
before the House Naval Committee.

Meanwhile the Secretary of War,
Mr. Woodring, is appearing before the
House Military Affairs Committee
and appealed for the committee's sup-
port for new army funds.

"This winter our Army has not
been an 'army in being'," said Mr.
Woodring, adding that such an army,
as opposed to one on paper, would
enable America to "speak with au-
thority for peace."—Reuter.

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PREMIER REVIEWS SITUATION ON WAR FRONTS

London, To-day.

IN A SURVEY OF THE several war theatres in the Commons yesterday, the Premier said that patrolling and artillery fire had continued on Western Front and British troops in the Maginot Line sector had taken their full share of these activities.

During last month, air activity had been hampered by short daylight, high winds, frost, fog and snowcovered landing grounds.

British air forces, none the less, had been continuously in action in particular over the whole battle area of the North Sea.

Every week, considerable bomber forces had swept the Heligoland Bight and the approaches to the Baltic in search of such units of the German fleet as might venture to put to sea, maintained deep into German territory, in part by aircraft based on Britain, in part by those of the British Air Forces in France.

This long-distance reconnaissance has now been extended to Eastern Germany, Austria and Bohemia.

After a sympathetic reference to the loss of the British submarines, Seahorse, Undine and Starfish and the gallantry of the crews, Mr. Chamberlain spoke of the success attending the measures taken to meet indiscriminate and unnotified mine-sowing which had followed the failure of the German U-boat campaign.

UNDER CONTROL

The latest threat, he informed the House, was already coming under control, and the government had every confidence in being able presently to defeat it.

In the meantime, the system of offensive air patrols over the operating bases of German seaplanes had been maintained throughout the hours of darkness every night during which weather conditions allowed. Bombs have been dropped whenever lights have been found exposed for the purpose of enabling German seaplanes to take off from the water and in this way a rigid blackout had been enforced upon the enemy's bases.

During the hours of daylight, enemy aircraft had rarely ventured within reach of British fighter forces.

AIR BATTLES

Reconnaissance patrols had, however, had frequent encounters with wandering German aircraft out over the North Sea and had invariably taken the offensive.

The Premier then gave the figures of enemy attacks from the air on unarmed, unescorted trawlers. In December, 32 attacks of this nature were made and took the form of bombing and the machine-gunning of the crews. Six trawlers were sunk and four damaged. Twenty-two escaped undamaged.

During the present month, there have been no less than thirteen similar attacks from air on unarmed trawlers. Two of these were sunk. The Premier devoted the later part of the statement to more recent examples of the important part being taken by the Dominions and Colonies in the war, mentioning the naval action of the Achilles, the arrival of two contingents of the Canadian Active Service Force and the development of the Empire air training scheme. — British Wireless.

FURTHER CHARGES

One of 37 Chinese internees, charged with behaving in a riotous manner at Argyle Street Camp on Saturday, was discharged this morning by Mr. E. Himsforth.

Twenty-four of the accused to-day faced an additional charge of resisting the police.

All were remanded for a week at the request of Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey.

MEAN THEFT

Charged with the theft of a bottle of chewing gum, Wong Wai, 40, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

Inspector A. V. Baker said defendant went to a shop at No. 312, Lockhart Road, took the bottle of chewing gum and ran. Defendant dropped the bottle when chased but was arrested.

The Magistrate remarked that it was a particularly mean thing to steal from the poor.

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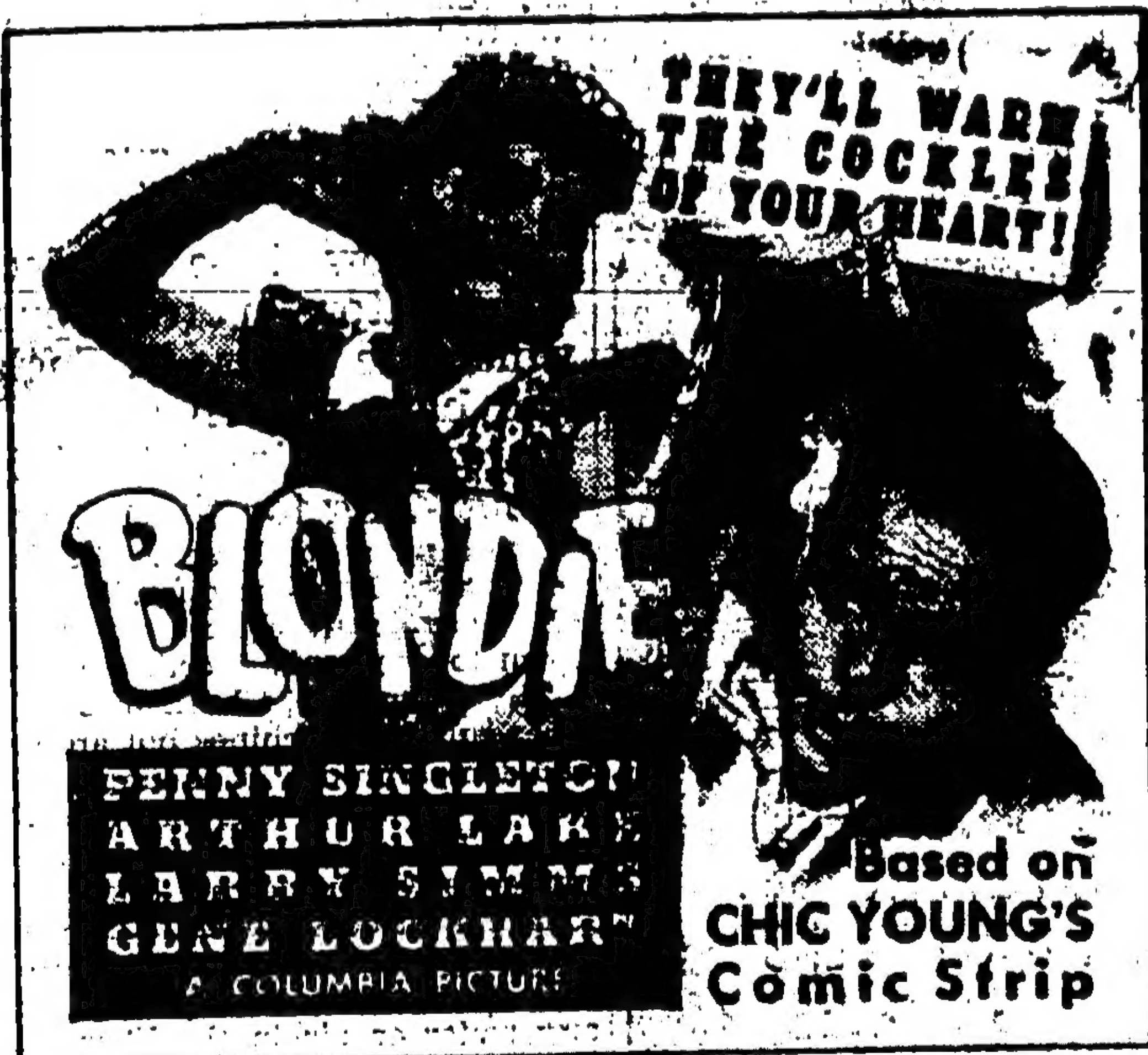
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WASHINGTON IN NO HURRY FOR NEW PACT WITH JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

THE UNITED STATES may refuse to enter into any new agreement with Japan when the 1911 Treaty of Commerce and Navigation expires on January 26, state authoritative sources.

These same quarters indicate that the chance of a modus vivendi, or temporary agreement, are extremely slim at the moment.

The Treaty was denounced by the United States as a retaliatory measure against Japanese violation of American rights in China. There is no possibility of a new treaty before January 26, although the United States has left the door open for a temporary substitute.

Discussions are now going on between Mr. Joseph Grew, the American Ambassador, and Japanese officials regarding a modus vivendi, but authoritative circles in Washington say that the United States will demand a stiff price even for this.

The United States will accept no compromise, but will adhere to the terms of the Nine-Power Treaty, which recognises the right of all nations to an open door to China's trade and commerce. — Havas.

No Crisis Likely To Materialise

Washington, To-day.
There is not the slightest indication here that any crisis is likely to materialise on January 26 when the United States treaty with Japan expires on abrogation.

It is generally believed in informed circles that no modus vivendi is likely to be negotiated before the treaty expires, but the matter appears to be taken with the greatest of calmness in official circles as indicated by Mr. Cordell Hull's statement at a press conference yesterday: "There has been no special development this morning." He had been asked to indicate the latest position in the U.S.-Japanese discussions.

The President did not refer to the matter at all at his own press conference in the afternoon.

It seems likely that the matter of a Japanese-American trade treaty will be left in suspense temporarily while the discussions concerning general relations between the two countries continue. — Reuter.

HONG KONG'S NEW PETROL PUMPS

The new type of electric computator petrol pumps which are in use in England and have proven so popular there are being installed in Hong Kong for the motorist.

These pumps will show the cost of petrol as well as the quantity delivered. They accurately measure quantity down to one cent's worth of petrol.

These pumps are built on the basis of calculating machines but are sturdy and tamperproof. It is impossible to deliver anything but exact measurement. To insure full measure, all numerals which indicate cost and gallonage must be set back to zero before the pump can be operated. The pump will not deliver gasoline if there is any water or air in the lines.

Motorists who are interested in checking the mileage which they are getting from their cars can easily do so by taking petrol from these pumps for quantities as small as a teaspoon-full can be measured.

The pumps have been installed at the Texaco Station at Wanchai and V.R.C. on the Hong Kong side and at Waterloo Road and the Far East Motors on the Kowloon side.

NAZI COAL SHORTAGE

Berlin, To-day.

In Germany, the present coal-shortage for householders is apparently regarded as likely to be continued, for Berlin tenants who cannot get hot water at all are to have their rents reduced by 5 per cent.

"Lucky ones" who can have cen-

TWO NAZI U-BOATS SUNK

London, To-day.

The R.A.F. pilot of a 'plane of the Coastal Command has now given his own story of the bombing of a U-boat in the North Sea on Monday. The R.A.F. 'plane was on patrol duty when the U-boat was sighted at a distance of a few miles.

The pilot was having a snack at the time and heard the gunner shout "Look!"

He looked in the direction of the pointing finger and saw what seemed to be a rowing-boat on the horizon, with a trail of foam behind it. After a few moments, as he gave the 'plane full throttle, he was sure it was a U-boat.

As the 'plane approached, the U-boat crash-dived and the 'plane dived down on it, dropping its bombs. They seemed to fall very close and a great splash of water followed the explosions.

A little later, a greenish-brown patch, with bubbles, spread over the position where the submarine dived.

Although the R.A.F. machine remained on the spot for some time, the U-boat was not seen again. — Reuter.

FRENCH REPORT

Paris, To-day.

A U-boat was attacked by French patrol craft as it was submerging, the French Navy announces, and a large patch of oil covered the surface. It was not seen again, but it is not certain that it was destroyed.

The French Navy has captured another German freighter. — Reuter.

TO BE HANDED OVER ON A PLATE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Commenting on the 300-mile "safety belt" around the American coast, the "Continental Daily Mail" expresses the opinion that the controversy around it is merely "academic," asserting that the American nations would be unable to maintain a patrol over so wide an area.

The paper stated, "Is Britain going to hand over to Hitler her naval superiority on a plate? We cannot throw away a weapon without which we could not win the war." — Havas.

ABDUCTION CHARGE

Before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, Li Lam, 28, was charged with abduction of a girl named Tong Ling, and with attempted larceny of an overcoat.

Detective-Inspector A. L. Hopkins said that the girl's father was a scale-maker.

At about 2.30 p.m. yesterday, he saw defendant walking with his daughter in front of his shop. He raised an alarm, and defendant started to run, but was arrested with the overcoat which belonged to the girl.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to abduction, but admitted the theft of the coat. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

FIRM SCANDINAVIAN REPLY TO SOVIET

London, To-day.

THE SCANDINAVIAN PRESS backs up its governments in their firm reply to the Soviet protest.

A Stockholm paper says: "Sweden's foreign policy is never determined anywhere but in Stockholm."

FINED FOR SELLING BRITISH GOODS

Peiping, To-day.

Chinese reports from Tsinan state that 77 shops dealing in British goods have been fined sums of a quarter of their total value, on the ground that they had failed to register.

Any shops failing to pay the fine before January 14 (Sunday last), it is reported, were threatened that their proprietors would be paraded through the streets.

If they have further dealings with British goods, the shops have been told that the fines would be increased to half their total value. — Reuter.

tral heating and hot water on Fridays and Saturdays will pay full rent.

All Berlin schools are to be closed indefinitely because of the shortage. — Reuter.

A Norwegian paper blandly says that there can be no question of the Scandinavian countries not being neutral or otherwise, "because according to the Soviet Government Russia is not at war with Finland!"

A Danish paper says that the only thing that remains unanswered in the Soviet note is the demand for the censorship of the press, "which will be impossible in Scandinavia, as no Scandinavian wants to live according to Bolshevik principles." — Reuter.

SOVIET CHARGE

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO THE SOVIETS, SWEDEN IS FORCING HER UNEMPLOYED TO FIGHT IN THE FINNISH ARMY.

The Moscow radio says that Sweden is reducing her public works and promising high pay and other inducements to make her unemployed fight for Finland, "on the advice of other Powers."

In a special Swedish broadcast, the Moscow radio appealed to Swedish workers to refuse to help Finland. — Reuter.

Charged with demanding \$600 with menaces from Wong Yee-po, and with conspiracy with another, not in custody, to defraud him of \$600, Lam Chen was this morning remanded for further enquiries by Mr. C. A. A. Macdonald.

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Mr. Arita "Explains" Japanese Foreign Policy

STATEMENT INCLUDES USUAL AMBIGUITIES

Tokyo, To-day.

THE HOPE OF FINDING a means of settling the aftermath of the trade treaty question between the United States and Japan, was expressed by Mr. Arita, the new Foreign Minister in an interview after the transfer of seals of office between himself and Admiral Nomura.

He also stated that the preparations for the re-opening of the Yangtse River were proceeding apace.

FRANCE APPROVES YONAI CABINET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The press generally welcome the new Japanese government under Admiral Yonai.

The "Petit Journal" states: "Both the Minsaito and the Seiyukai parties are supporting the new government which thus represents the majority of Japan's opinion."

Admiral Yonai will be able to assume authority and prepare financial plans necessary to stabilize the situation already gravely compromised by the China war." —Havas.

STEAMER AGROUND IN AUSTRALIA

Port Darwin, To-day.

The British steamer "Merkur," 5,952 tons, bound for Melbourne from Singapore has gone aground on a coral reef on the North Australian coast.

Ninety passengers who were on board are all safe. A vessel has gone to her assistance. — Reuter.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.

Although trading was quiet on the Stock Exchange yesterday, gilt-edged rallied from early dealings and maintained their improvement.

Kaffirs were very steady but other groups were inactive owing to the imminence of the re-assembly of Parliament.

Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

RED ARMY LOSSES IN SALLA ZONE

Helsinki, To-day.

An official communique states that the Finns yesterday annihilated two Russian companies on the Salla front.

Russian air activity was much slighter than on the previous day. Several Finnish towns were bombed and a number of fires were caused, which were speedily brought under control.

The Finnish Air Force conducted reconnaissance flights and bombarded Russian troop concentrations several times.

Four Soviet planes were brought down on Monday.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S ORDER FOR NEW PLANES

New York, To-day.

Great Britain has placed an order worth £2,000,000 for pursuit planes with the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation.

This is the first British order for this type of machine.—Reuter.

Discussing the foreign policy of the new Government, Mr. Arita declared that it would centre upon the disposal of the "China Affair" and the readjustment of relations with third Powers, while firmly maintaining Japan's independent position.

It was untenable to assert that Japan would run the risk of antagonising one Power in seeking friendly relations with another Power while maintaining an independent position.

Mr. Arita said that he intended, in readjusting relations with the United States, to pursue the policy of his predecessor. In order to reconstruct the traditional friendship between Japan and the United States, the Foreign Minister asserted, relations between the two countries must first be normalised. In this sense, the Japanese Cabinet would endeavour to clear out of the way all pending questions with the United States one after another.

RECIPROCITY HOPED FOR

If the United States appraised Japan's firm attitude correctly, he trusted the United States would reciprocate Japan's constructive spirit in seeking to normalise the relations of the two countries.

In regard to the opening of the Yangtse up to Nanking, he said that this was decided at Japan's initiative as demonstrated by the fact that the Hiranuma Cabinet decided the basic policy concerning reopening of the Yangtse. Preparations were now being pushed.

SOVIET RELATIONS

Turning to relations between Japan and the Soviet Union, Mr. Arita said that the anti-Comintern Pact was one thing and friendly relations between Japan and the Soviet were another. Recalling that he (as Foreign Minister) participated in the conclusion of the Tripartite Anti-Comintern Pact, Mr. Arita pointed out that it was the fixed policy of the Japanese Government to maintain friendly relations with Russia irrespective of the compact.—Reuter.

FINNISH TOWNS TO BE EVACUATED

[SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL"]

Stockholm, To-day.

The Finnish authorities have decided to evacuate towns recently bombed by the Soviet including Hangoe, Abo and Rihimaki.

The city of Vasa was terribly devastated following the recent bombing.

In Hangoe, 400 houses of a total of 700, were destroyed.

A cold spell is again felt in Finland. — Havas.

PRICES NEARER STABILISED

London, To-day.

The cost of living index figure on January 1 was 74 per cent. above the level of July, 1914, as compared with 73 per cent. on December 1.

The food index figure was 57 per cent. higher which was the same as on December 1.—Reuter.

BRITISH REPLY TO PROTEST

Rio de Janeiro, To-day.

The British note on the Graf Spee battle and on the suggested "Safety Zone" around the Americas is now being studied by the Permanent Inter-American Committee here.—Reuter.

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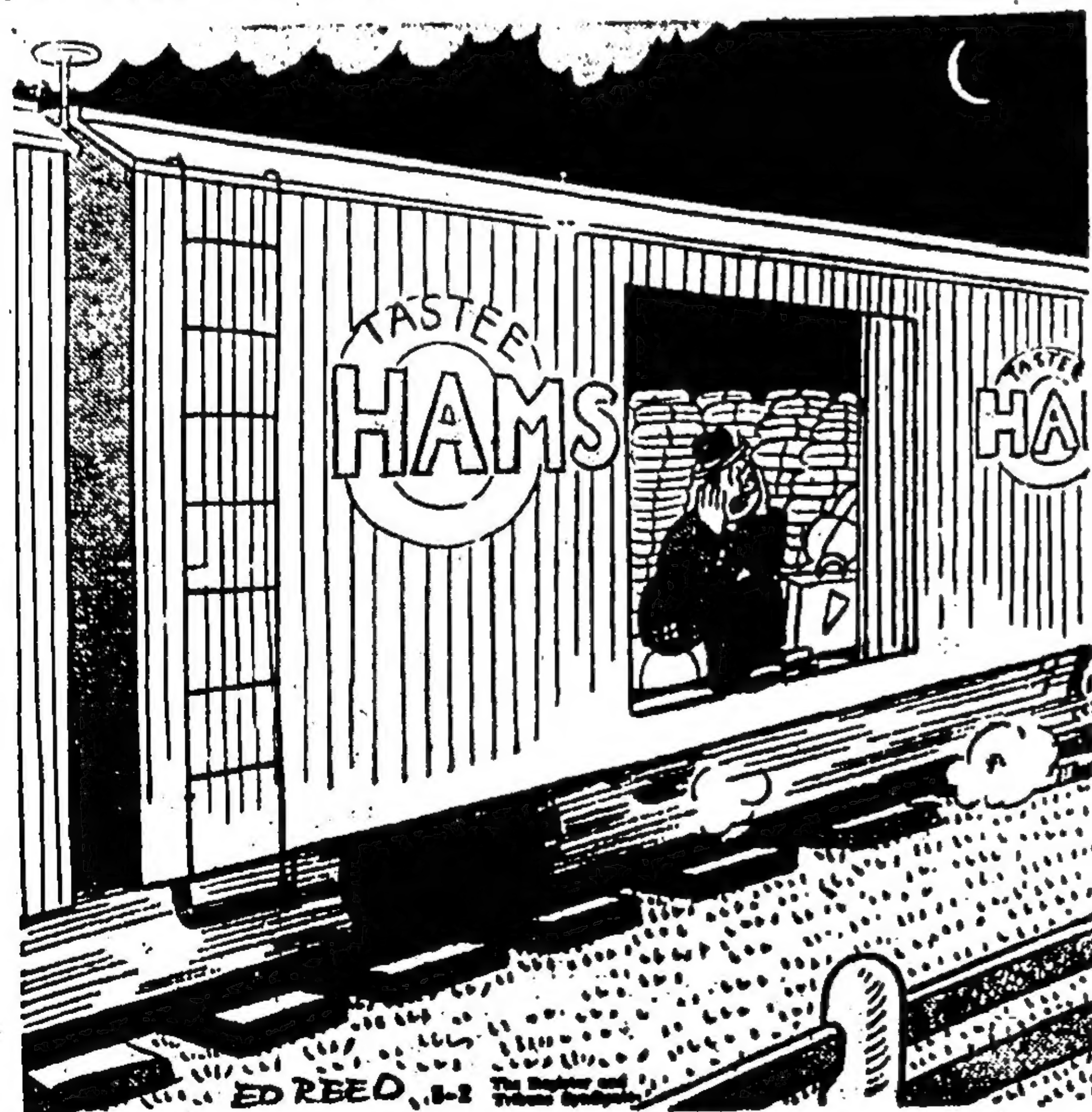
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MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON CHANGES IN CABINET

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WARNS THAT LULL IN WAR OPERATIONS MAY END IN FEW WEEKS—OR HOURS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE FORMER MINISTER FOR WAR, MR. LESLIE HORE-BELISHA, IN A TENSE HOUSE AND AMID SOME OPPOSITION CHEERS, ROSE TO MAKE A PERSONAL STATEMENT.

He said he had not selected his collaborators because they were complacent or acquiescent. It was not a dull or stagnant administration.

"If there had been differences of opinion, outlook, temperament or understanding these had been no deeper than must occur."

Dealing with his work Mr. Hore-Belisha said it did not occur to him that we were making the Army too democratic to fight for democracy. "There has been, so far as I know, no conflict of view or policy with any of my Government colleagues upon any point concerning my department or otherwise."

"I declined the Board of Trade post because I could not feel the assurance that the consideration which persuaded the Prime Minister to make the change would allow of my energetic discharge in the national interest of another office."

Mr. Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, referring to unfounded rumours, said that no change of Army policy was to be anticipated in consequence of the change in the Secretary for War.

Mr. Chamberlain added that there had been no difference between the so-called "brass hats" and Mr. Hore-Belisha over Army promotion.

PURE INVENTION

The Prime Minister declared that it was pure invention to suggest that there had been any pressure on the Prime Minister to displace Mr. Hore-Belisha and that the Prime Minister had been faced with displacing Mr. Hore-Belisha or receiving resignations from high military Army officers.

Emphasising his prerogative in Cabinet appointments, Mr. Chamberlain said that he did not propose to give detailed reasons for Mr. Hore-Belisha's replacement. "I had become aware of the difficulties arising out of the very great qualities of Mr. Hore-Belisha, with which in view, made it desirable that a change should occur."

Passing on to a review of the War, Mr. Chamberlain said that export licences were being granted for war material needed by Finland and the amounts involved were substantial.

"During the last few weeks we have been horrified by the calculate brutality involved in the enemy air attacks on unarmed, unescorted trawlers."

Referring to the Far East, Mr. Chamberlain said that the situation continued to be dominated by the hostilities between China and Japan.

JAPANESE STEPS

"While there was as yet no definite indication that might warrant any optimistic forecast of a peaceful settlement in the near future, we have welcomed the recent action by the Japanese Government in the direction of relaxing some restrictions which from time to time caused difficulty and tension in relation to third powers."

Mr. Chamberlain said that special forces raised in Australia, New Zealand for overseas would shortly take their places where they were most needed and concluded:

"At the moment there is a lull in the operations of war but at any time within the next few weeks or even few hours, the lull may be sharply broken by events which will reshape the history of the world."

DUTY TO MAKE

There was no foundation, said Mr. Chamberlain, for the suggestion that the resignation was connected with, or was the result of a battle between Mr. Hore-Belisha and certain high officers vaguely described as "brass-hats" over the system of promotion in the Army.

He had never heard of any serious differences between Mr. Hore-Belisha and the Army Council and did not believe any existed.

"I can state definitely that no consideration ever entered my head in connection with the change which I thought it my duty to make."

SCANDALOUS ASPERSION

The story that pressure had been put upon him from outside by military officers or by their friends to displace Mr. Hore-Belisha was an invention from beginning to end (cheers). It was not complimentary to him to suggest that he would have allowed himself to be influenced by pressure of such an improper character, "but it is a scandalous aspersion upon responsible officers who cannot speak for themselves (cheers) to suggest that they would have so far forgotten their duty, especially in wartime, as to contemplate any action of the kind I have described."

Mr. Chamberlain said that no serving officer had at any time ever said one word to him inconsistent with his loyalty to his ministerial chief, and so far from putting pressure on him, no officer had ever discussed with him any change in the Secretariat for War.

"Every Prime Minister must from time to time review the allocation of offices among his various colleagues and consider whether the allocation still remains the best that can be effected. But especially in wartime it is essential that the machinery of the Government should work with maximum efficiency (cheers) and minimum friction."

DISTASTEFUL DUTY

If the Prime Minister thinks a change is desirable he must also con-

sider when the change should be made, bearing in mind that every change must necessarily create disturbance and there were times when disturbance was more dangerous than others.

"To make changes among his colleagues is often the most distasteful of all the duties of a Prime Minister and if he had to make public all his reasons for making the change it would be impossible to make any change."

"Therefore I do not propose to give the House in detail my reasons, this afternoon. I only say that I had become aware of difficulties. Perhaps I might describe them as arising out of the very great qualities of Mr. Hore-Belisha which in my view made it desirable that a change would occur at some time and I thought that the change could best be effected when I had made other changes at the same time in the Government."

NO COMPLAINT

"I do not want to lose the services of Mr. Hore-Belisha and I therefore offered him another very important post but for reasons which he has given the House, he did not see his way to accept the office."

"I very much regretted his decision but I respected it and I do not make any complaint of it. I myself only hold my present office by favour of the Commons and if at any time the Commons think a change is desirable I shall accept their decision like Mr. Hore-Belisha — without complaint."

"Meanwhile I judge all matters on one criterion — whether they will or will not contribute towards the early and successful conclusion of the war (cheers). In the present case my personal friendship for Mr. Hore-Belisha and my recognition of Mr. Hore-Belisha's great services drew me in one direction."

"My consciousness of the difficulties to which I have alluded have pointed to another conclusion."

INTERESTS OF COUNTRY

"I had to make up my mind which course would best serve the interests of the country, in the exercise of my judgment. I came to the conclusion for which I take the fullest responsibility."

Mr. Chamberlain appreciated the tone and spirit of Mr. Hore-Belisha's statement, putting before all consideration one object, namely that of service to country for the purpose of winning the war.

"I knew he was anxious to make his contribution towards that object and I trust it may not be long before he finds an opportunity to do so."—Reuter.

ANTI-RED BILL PASSES THE CHAMBER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Chamber of Deputies has passed, after a heated debate by 521 votes to 2, a bill excluding from all assemblies the representatives of the dissolved political parties—i.e., Communists.—Havas.

63 CIVILIAN VICTIMS OF AIR RAIDS

Helsinki, To-day.

Sixty-three civilians were injured in Soviet bombing raids yesterday.—Reuter.

PREJUDICE SUGGESTION REFUTED

London, To-day.

In the course of the debate following Mr. Chamberlain's statement on Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation, Colonel Wedgwood (Lab.) pressed Mr. Chamberlain to reply to suggestions that the resignation was due to prejudices against his being a Jew.

The Prime Minister said he hardly thought the statement to be worth denying, but "I deny it absolutely."—Reuter.

ALLIED ECONOMIC UNITY

London, To-day.

Speaking on Franco-British co-operation in the Commons yesterday, the Premier said that in the field of supply, the closest co-operation existed between the departments concerned in this country and those of France.

The machinery provided, among other things, for the preparation in common of programmes of imports, and thus enabled the material resources of the two countries to be used to the best advantage in the prosecution of the war.

As the result of the financial agreement, unity of action of the two countries and been made complete.

"Indeed, it is our hope, as I have stated elsewhere, that the system of collaboration which had been thus evolved may, in time, lead to closer relations in the economic and financial sphere between the nations of Europe, and of the world, and so facilitate the work of peaceful reconstruction to which we look forward on the successful termination of the war."—British Wire-less.

HOLIDAY FOR MR. GODFREY PHILLIPS

(Special to the "China Mail," from Our Own Correspondent)

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

MR. GODFREY PHILLIPS, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, WHO HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK SINCE THE ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE HIM LAST WEEK, IS LEAVING ON BOARD THE ITALIAN LINER CONTE VERDE, BOUND FOR HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE ON A HOLIDAY.

It will be recalled that on January 6, three men, believed to be Chinese, blazed away at his car with Mauser pistols from close range in Avenue Haig. All missed both Mr. Phillips and his chauffeur, although the car was perforated in several places.—Our Own Correspondent.

Chickens to the value of \$25 were stolen from No. 24, Broadwood Road, yesterday. They belonged to Mr. L. Decker.

Opposition And Belisha Resignation

NOT ENTHUSIASTIC OVER MR. OLIVER STANLEY'S TRANSFER TO WAR OFFICE

London, To-day.

LEADER OF THE LABOUR Opposition, Major C. R. Attlee, who followed Mr. Chamberlain in yesterday's debate, said that it would be ungenerous to deny that during his period at the War Office, Mr. Hore-Belisha had effected some notable reforms.

On the other hand it was ridiculous, as had been alleged in some organs of the popular press, that alone he did it.

There had undoubtedly been among soldiers a realisation of the need for moving with the times and in these reforms he was sure that Mr. Hore-Belisha had the active co-operation of many distinguished soldiers.

Mr. Hore-Belisha had rather hinted that his resignation was due to his reforms on the lines that democratisation was being unpalatable in certain quarters and it was right that they should have an explicit denial by the Government that there was no intention of changing the progress of the democratisation of the Army.

NOT CLEAR

The Opposition Leader said that in most cases when a Minister resigned the reason was perfectly clear to the general public, but Mr. Hore-Belisha and the Prime Minister had answered the House that there was no difference of policy.

Mr. Attlee said the House had the right to get from Mr. Hore-Belisha and the Prime Minister more precise reasons for the resignation.

Mr. Hore-Belisha seemed to hint that it was due to his democratisation reforms that he became unpalatable to certain quarters, and continued: "I think you cannot do a greater disservice than trying to set up a kind of opposition between politicians and soldiers."

"There was a great deal in the last war and the memoirs which have been published since have made uncommonly painful reading for those who were fighting in the last war."

"We are resolved that there will never be—and there has not been in this case—anything like a military dictatorship."

RESISTANCE TO PRESSURE

Had there been pressure by the military chiefs, the matter would have been dealt with most seriously.

The Opposition object to military pressure and no less strongly to newspaper pressure, said Mr. Attlee, amid loud cheers, and he continued: "We should be absolutely firm on one thing—the control by Parliament and by the civilian Ministers over the Services. That has long been the position of this House and we must always maintain it."

NOT HAPPY

The Labour Opposition were not happy regarding the change of the transfer of Mr. Oliver Stanley from the Board of Trade. They might require a very strong man at the War Office and he hoped that Mr. Oliver Stanley would carry on the line of reforms and make changes in the organisation of the War Office.

The public were surprised at this change because there were other changes they would have welcomed.

The War Cabinet was on a wrong basis and should not be composed of

LABOUR CRITICS IN LORDS: URGENCY OF AID TO FINLAND

London, To-day.

Questioning voices regarding the true explanation of the resignation of the Secretary of State for War were heard in the House of Lords, following a review of the war by Lord Stanhope, which was identical with that of Mr. Chamberlain in the Commons.

Lord Snell, the leader of the Labour Party in the Lords, was the principal critic of the Government, and he also questioned whether Finland was being adequately aided.

Quick and adequate assistance to Finland, said Lord Snell, were urgently necessary. If the Finns were defeated, the strategical position in Europe would immediately be altered and probably to the grievous disadvantage of this country.

He highly welcomed the reference in the Government statement to the help given by the Dominions, India and the Colonies, which even now, he thought, was insufficiently realised in Great Britain.

Lord Snell went on to challenge the Government's economic policy, which he considered to be wrongly based and would have shortly to be reviewed.

ARMY AND BELISHA

Lord Crewe, who followed, also expressed the hope that the Government would help Finland as far and as rapidly as possible.

He disagreed with the suggestion made by Lord Snell that the change at the War Office was due to military pressure on the Prime Minister. Speaking from experience, he said, he would generally hesitate to believe it to be possible.—Reuter.

LIBERAL COMMENT

The Liberal leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, said that the Opposition Liberals had been critics of Mr. Hore-Belisha but now that he had resigned it was only fair to acknowledge the achievements which stood to his credit at the War Office.

At the same time it was a great mistake to suppose that he was and remained the sole champion of these reforms.

They did not spring from Mr. Hore-Belisha's mind and will alone; they represented the will of the people of this country expressed in Parliament, of which Mr. Hore-Belisha was the instrument.—Reuter.

HOLD-UP LAST NIGHT

Man Sze-kong, a police interpreter attached to the Special Branch, who was recently married, was held up by footpads when walking with his bride in Embankment Road at 9.15 last night. The two concerned in the hold-up were armed with daggers. They took Mrs. Man's wedding ring and decamped.

SWEDISH PROTEST TO SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day. The Swedish Legation in Moscow has been instructed to launch an energetic protest against the Soviet aerial bombing of Kallake Isle in the Gulf of Bothnia yesterday.—Havas.

YOUNG S.M.P. OFFICER DIES

(SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL") SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

SUFFERING A SUDDEN RELAPSE FROM A CHEST WOUND HE RECEIVED A WEEK AGO, SERGEANT DUNCAN E. CRANK, 21-YEAR-OLD MEMBER OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE DIED YESTERDAY FROM INTERNAL HEMORRHAGE.

He was wounded last Wednesday during an affray between coolies of the General Post Office and employees of the Far Eastern Sanitary Company over the hot water supply in the post office building.—Havas.

ACUTE PHASE OF WAR MAY BEGIN SOON

London, To-day.

The Premier concluding his Commons statement yesterday said: "We in this country hope, as do the peoples of every nation, that the just and lasting peace we are seeking will not be long delayed."

On the other hand, it may well be that the war is about to enter upon a more acute phase.

If that should prove true, we are ready for it, and in common with our allies, we will spare no effort and no sacrifice that be necessary to secure the victory on which we are determined."

In the course of the review, Mr. Chamberlain referred to the heroic successful resistance of Finland and intimated that arrangements for the supply of certain war material from Britain had been made, adding, "I can assure the House that the amounts involved are substantial."—British Wireless.

D.B.S. THEFTS CONTINUE

Mr. G. Goodban, headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School, has informed the Police that books valued at \$20 were stolen from the class rooms early yesterday.

An aged woman, Kwok Sit-sze, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, with serious injuries yesterday, after she had been knocked down by a tram car in Des Voeux Road Central.

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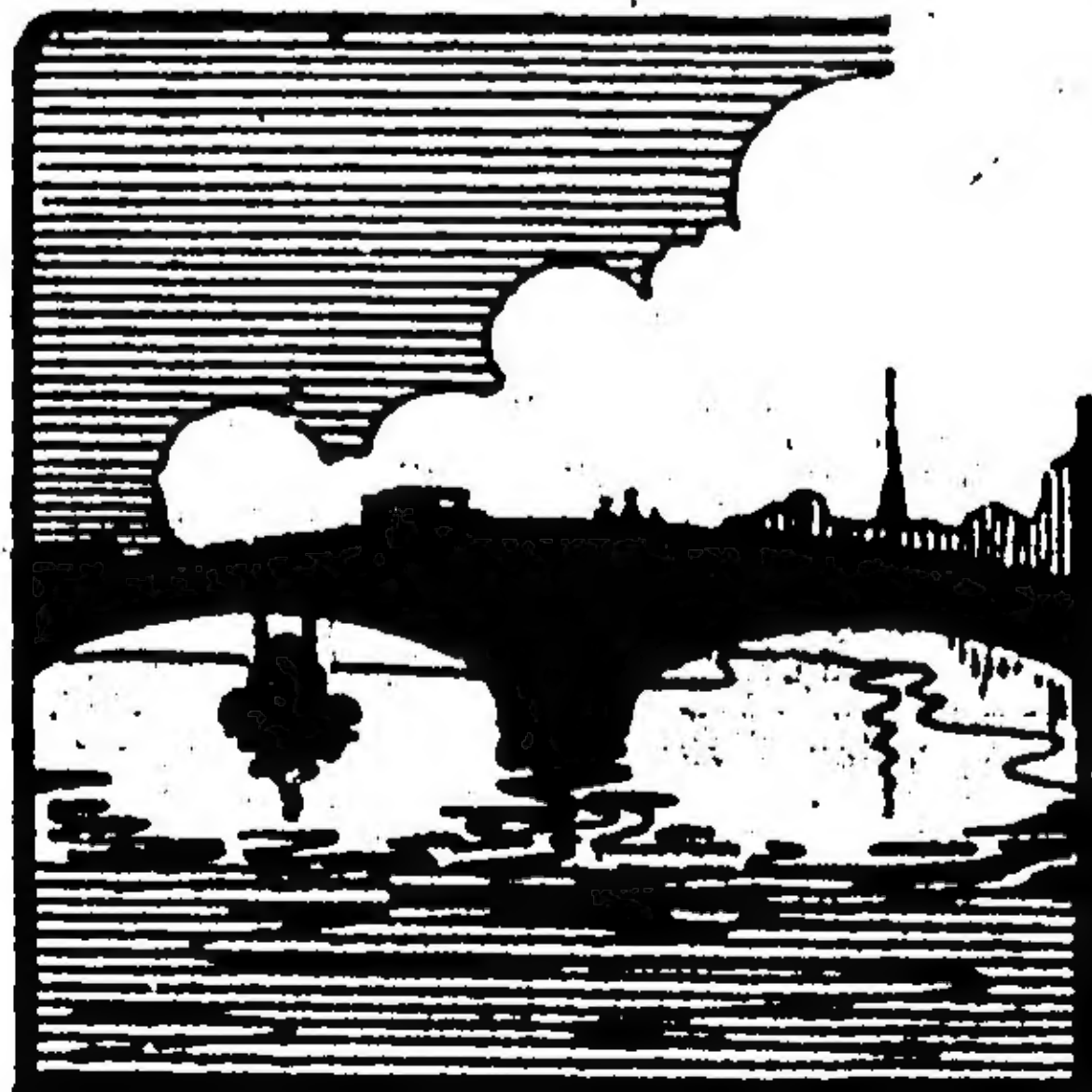
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

EYES ON RUMANIA

Joseph Stalin appears ready to assume the role of that amusing general who, hearing of a battle about to begin, sprang enthusiastically into the saddle and proceeded to ride off in all directions. The Russian Army has not yet brought home the Finnish bacon, if any; yet the Communist International, highly authoritative Comintern organ, is already raising the Rumanian question which everybody expected would be raised soon after Finland was liquidated.

This could be interpreted as unbounded confidence on the part of the Soviet leadership. On the other hand, it can be interpreted as arising from doubt as to the wisdom of the Finnish venture. Since the Finnish soldiers are proving as unreasonable in battle as Russian politicians said the Finnish Government was in negotiation, a diversion may be thought necessary in Moscow.

Not that Rumania would have escaped Russian pressure if Finland had fallen. Italy's sympathy with Finland has been based partly on the recognition in Rome that Russian success in the Baltic would likely be followed by Russian enterprise in the Balkans, where Italy has interests of its own to guard. But the fact that Russia is casting openly covetous glances toward Rumania while the issue in Finland is undecided indicates that Mr. Stalin is either feeling his oats or the need of a change.—"Christian Science Monitor."

PRE-REQUISITE FOR PEACE

Whether Herr Hitler is the brains or merely the mouthpiece of the system really does not matter so long as he and his associates have no further influence in the government of the Reich, and insidious as this reported peace plan is, the knowledge of that fact will undoubtedly strengthen universal opinion into the belief that the destruction of the Hitlerian system is the essential pre-requisite without which it is not even possible to discuss a cessation of hostilities. The proposed

abandonment of autarchy, and a return to world economy would of course make it necessary that the Allies should come forward with economic assistance to enable Germany to regain her position amongst the nations of the world. The manner in which such aid was availed of in

the early years after the last war suggests again that men with the complete lack of principles which Herr Hitler and his accomplices have, would be most unfitted to enter into relations with the rest of Europe which would have to be based upon the completest trust and confidence, and not even the most convinced optimist can point to anything which Herr Hitler has done which suggests that any faith at all could be placed in him. The fact is that no peace offensive which does not include a radical change in the present government of Germany can ever be successful.—"North China Daily News."

DUTCH PLIGHT

The Dutch plight is only the most aggravated among the neutrals. Belgium is in almost as serious a position. So, too, are Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway, Hungary, Finland, and in lesser degree, Yugoslavia and Italy. All are in the circle where blockade meets counter-blockade. All are to some extent caught between two fires in this total economic war. All are suffering from the increasing infringement of so-called neutral rights.

What can be done? No simple cash-and-carry remedy will suffice for the Dutch, who must trade to live. Must

the neutrals be drawn into the actual military conflict? Despite the spread of economic warfare there is reason to hope that the non-combatant area can be maintained. Indeed, there have been hopes expressed that the neutrals could in turn exert pressures for peace. They are already having some effect. But for their own protection and for more positive peacemaking they will need to exercise a more united strength. The Scandinavian countries and Belgium and the Netherlands have already consulted for such purposes.

Is this the way in which a new form of collective security will develop? And what part should the United States have in it? The impact of events is bringing closer a day when these questions will be answered.—"Christian Science Monitor."

GUAM

Guam, although relatively unimportant within itself, might be made an important link in the chain by which a Pacific policy is held together. A lot of people, included among them a good many Japanese and several Filipinos, jump at the conclusion that any move toward building anything at Guam suggests a stronger American policy for the Far East. Such a line of reasoning certainly is not without logic. So those who say frankly that the United States cannot escape major responsibilities in the Far East—possibly increasing responsibilities—are encouraged by renewed indications that the administration is seriously interested in the Guam project.—"Manila Bulletin."

NEW ZEALAND'S NAVAL POLICY

The impracticability of New Zealand providing for herself in naval development is evident. Up to the present she has merely contributed to the upkeep of the New Zealand Division, which consists of two light cruisers and two sloops, a force of little scope or purpose beyond police duty in time of peace. Assuming that Great Britain is not in a position to provide greater

INDIAN LIBERAL VIEW

India should stand by Britain unconditionally. It would be disastrous if we offered our help subject to conditions. Everything must be done to secure the safety of India and that could not be done without full co-operation with Britain. — "Sir Tej Sapru, Indian Liberal Leader."

protection, a policy of co-operation with Australia would seem the logical, if not the only possible course of development. In the past there has been no lack of co-operation between the Commonwealth and the Dominion in naval matters. It should be ascertained whether mutual advantage

is to be gained, and British strength in the Pacific area improved by joining forces with Australia. This would involve a considerable increase of expenditure. Security has its price and New Zealand must be prepared to pay that price even if it means curtailment or abandonment of social luxuries for the time being.—"The Dominion," Wellington.

"ONLY ACTS COUNT"

As the French Chamber of Deputies rose for Christmas, M. Daladier with a crisp economy of words showed that France was disciplined and concentrated on the single purpose. "Only acts count," he said. "If Great Britain and France had allowed Germany to go forward in her enterprise of domination all Germany's strength would have been turned on us." By the unanimous vote of the 536 deputies and without debate the vast credits for arms, the army, the air force, and the navy were voted. The air force, said M. Daladier, called for priority: but every arm is to be made impregnable, and the Maginot Line doubled, trebled, and extended, in a national uprising never equalled even in French history.—"The Observer."

Most Violent Artillery Battle Of The War B.E.F. HELD READY TO RUSH TO AID OF LOWLANDS

Paris, To-day.

BRITISH TROOPS ARE now being held in readiness for any Nazi offensive in the Lowlands.

Monday's long-range artillery battle, in which both sides participated, was near the Moselle and is considered the most violent of the war. Inhabitants of a Luxemburg village near the frontier fled to safety as shell splinters fell on the town.

The Germans have now come to the conclusion that the British troops are in the front line after all.

Hitherto, the Germans have tried to suggest that all the work is being done by the French, but it is now stated that as a result of a clash between British and German patrols in front of the Siegfried Line, the leader of the British patrol was seriously wounded.

He was taken to a first-aid post by the Germans and died two days later. —Reuter.

PATROL CLASH

London, To-day.

A patrol of the British force now holding a sector of the Maginot Line encountered a German patrol in No-Man's-Land last night and a fight ensued, says Reuter's special correspondent with B.E.F. in France.

The British patrol suffered no casualties, but at least one German was killed and his body brought back to the British line. —Reuter.

BIG TANKER BLOWN UP IN CHANNEL

London, To-day.

Another oil-tanker has gone to the bottom off the English coast but her identity and ownership are not yet known.

Coastguards on the south-west coast yesterday afternoon saw the oil-tanker suddenly burst into flames.

Lifeboats were put out but the ship speedily broke in half and disappeared.

It is understood that a patrol boat

ONE MIND THAT IS NOT MACHINE-MADE

Helsinki, To-day.

The German Commercial Attache in Finland has resigned his post and has joined the Finnish Army as a volunteer. —Reuter.

rescued the crew.

The tanker appeared to be a vessel of about 8,000 tons.

A watcher from the shore said he saw what seemed to be a submarine beside the doomed vessel. —Reuter.

"QUIET DAY ON THE WHOLE"

Paris, To-day.

The customary evening communique on the war operations, states that it was a quiet day on the whole. There was the usual patrol activity. —Reuter.

MYSTERY MISHAP TO NEW SHIP

Panama, To-day.

One of Britain's latest freighters, the Merchant Prince, 5,265 tons has been towed to Bilbao by a British steamer, the California Star, after she had mysteriously broken down eight hundred miles out to sea.

While the vessel was drifting hopelessly as a result of the breakdown, fire suddenly broke out among wood stored on the deck.

The fire was extinguished, after five hours.

The British Consul-General in Bilbao is conducting investigations.

The captain of the Merchant Prince has commended the conduct of the crew. —Reuter.

SENATE CONFIRMS

Washington, To-day.

The Senate has confirmed the President's nomination of Mr. Frank Murphy, ex-Attorney-General, to the Supreme Court, and of Mr. Robert Jackson as Attorney-General in his place. —Reuter.

SINKING OF THE "ARENDSKERK" DELIBERATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

OPINION HERE IS very uneasy regarding the torpedoing of the "Arendskerkerk" just when the Netherlands felt compelled to take new military measures owing to the aggravation of the international situation along the Dutch border.

The fact that the "Arendskerkerk" was torpedoed after examination of her papers by the Commander of the German submarine is highly significant since it shows that no mistake could have been possible.

The "Algemeine Handelsblad" anticipates the aggravation of submarine warfare:

"Germany is endeavouring to prevent the transport of goods from Belgium and Holland by all means."

The "Arendskerkerk" was a big freighter built last year and was one of the finest units of the Dutch mercantile fleet. —Havas.

SIGNIFICANT BROADCAST

The German wireless broadcast yesterday afternoon the news of the sinking of the Arendskerkerk.

The master of the Arendskerkerk, the announcer said, had reported that his ship had been stopped and torpedoed by a German submarine. No further comment was made on the incident. —Reuter.

FEELING HIGH

The Hague, To-day.

Feeling is high regarding the sinking of the Arendskerkerk, in view of the circumstances, disclosing it to have been a deliberate act of war against a Dutch steamer, with no possibility of a mistake. —Havas.

Nazi Charges Denied (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hague, To-day.

Authoritative quarters here categorically deny the allegations of D.N.B., official German news agency, that the Allies inspired the military preparations in Holland and Belgium. They add that the Dutch Government considers the international situation in the light of what information it can control and verify. —Havas.

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He seemed already pretty well-informed about me—thanks probably to my branch leader.

In April, 1933, I was appointed to the Propaganda Ministry and took over the archives of Italy, Austria, Hungary, Greece, the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, the League of Nations and the Vatican.

Later Hitler's personal archives, in which everything by him and about him is kept—speeches, photographs, reactions to his personality and so on—were turned over to me.

It took me quite a while to discover that the 700 officials in the Ministry collected a vast amount of knowledge

By
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only to hide it from the German people or to give it to them falsified in form and content.

After two years in the Ministry I looked frantically for an escape.

The falsifications became more streamlined and more unscrupulous with every month that went by. I could have felt comfortable only if I had forgotten everything that had been taught me by my parents—truthfulness, honesty, idealism.

Sometimes in spite of my awareness of the double-mouthed policy of the Third Reich I fell victim to our own propaganda until some development made the truth clear to me again.

I remember, for example, the time when the then Foreign Minister, von Neurath, prepared and concluded the so-called "friendship" treaty with Austria.

In diplomatically-phrased sentences the treaty stated that the activity of the Austrian Nazis illegal and directed from Berlin, would stop.

I remember the solemn declarations of Hitler himself, that he would respect the independence of Austria. Not less than three such declarations he made.

In my Austrian files I soon had proof that the opposite of what we said was being done.

The illegal Nazi Press of Austria did not go out of business as had been agreed. The stream of illegal Austrian Nazi newspapers and leaflets flowed uninterruptedly into my files and their language became more violent.

It was disgusting to watch the satisfaction on the faces of Goebbels and his immediate subordinates when I brought them Austrian materials.

Poor Schuschnigg, I thought, and poor Germany that was ruled by professional tricksters.

The propaganda of the Ministry in foreign countries in general is organized on three principles. First, violent

BRITISH SKIPPERS HOME

London, To-day.

British mercantile marine officers who were captured by the Admiral Graf Spee and released when she was driven into Montevideo, have arrived at Tilbury. They will proceed to the Admiralty to report about their experiences aboard the Graf Spee. —Reuter.

anti-Semitism; second, a subtle, anti-church agitation; third, a violent peace policy.

Anti-Semitism is good business for many people.

If you infect the neighbourhood with anti-Semitism, then people will buy in your shop and not in the shop of your Jewish competitor.

Propaganda against the church must be carried on even more subtly than that against the Jews.

The church is hated by the Nazis because the church preaches tolerance and that is just the opposite of Hitler's teachings.

The churches are further hated because of their organisations which the Nazis envy; and, third, the church properties are a rich booty which they covet.

In the Ministry we had routine expressions for the different types of anti-church propaganda at our disposal. The order would be given to play up "immorality" or "mismanagement" or "interference with the State."

Then I had to dig out an example for the editors at the "Press conference" where they get their orders, some old story of a priest who did not live up to his vows, and soon similar stories were smeared over all the front pages in the Third Reich.

Or I had to collect from all my files material which showed that church property had been mismanaged—not necessarily fraudulently, perhaps only in ignorance.

The conclusion, then, was easily reached that it was necessary to take over these properties, not only in the interests of the nation but also in the interests of the church itself to which a great service would thereby be done.

The third stock-in-trade of the propaganda in foreign countries is the slogan: No War!

The basis of the Department's work is one of the Leader's pet theories—namely, that Imperial Germany lost the World War because the allegedly very clever and unscrupulous propaganda of the Allies broke its spirit.

This must not happen again. The boast of the Department is that every action of Germany will be assured of success before it is started—by a propaganda which wears down the nerves of the enemy.

An interruption in the monotony of the job was the thirty-ninth birthday of our boss, Goebbels. The day was celebrated in great fashion.

On the great day delegations with (Continued on Page 11)

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



LOSS OF THREE BRITISH SUBMARINES IN THE BIGHT

London, To-day.

THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES that during the past week, three British submarines have not returned to their bases nor reported, and it is feared that they must now be regarded as lost.

They are the Seahorse, Undine and Starfish. All three submarines, says the Admiralty communique, were "engaged on particularly hazardous service."

The loss of two is mentioned in a German high command communique, which says they were destroyed by "German defence measures" in the Heligoland Bight and that part of the crews were saved.

These are the first British submarines to have been sunk by enemy action during the present war.

The Undine was a small ship of 540 tons, with a complement of 27 men. Completed in September, 1938, she was a sister-ship of the Ursula which, it will be recalled, sank a German light cruiser under particularly daring circumstances last month.

The Starfish, one of four of the Swordfish class, was of 640 tons and carried a complement of 40 men. She was completed in 1933.

The Seahorse was also of the Swordfish class and was completed about the same time as the Starfish.

— Reuter.

I WORKED FOR GOEBBELS

(Continued from Page 10)

presents arrived from morning until night. Soon the Ministry was filled with all kinds of knick-knacks.

I found the next day on my desk cheap plaster copies of two famous pieces of Greek art. Many presents were of this kind. The garden of the Ministry was filled with statuettes which suffered so badly under the next rain that Arnim Schweitzer, whom Goebbels promoted on his birthday to "Reichs-commissar for artistic decoration", had to have all the plaster pieces painted again in a greyish brown.

Hitler came to congratulate Goebbels personally.

At eleven o'clock in the morning the Wilhelmstrasse and the square were closed.

At one o'clock Hitler marched through, followed by two of his bodyguards, men who must be two metres high, who carried a large oil painting of Hitler high above his head.

It was rather a comical sight, the little model and his heroic portrait walking along the street.

* * *

I had to wait almost a year before I got my chance to escape.

One morning I received news from America that a relative of my father had died in the United States and had left me a respectable inheritance.

I asked my superiors for a permit to take my vacation in the States in order to liquidate the inheritance there.

After weeks of delay in which I could not sleep because of the suspense, I received the permit. The need for foreign exchange is so great in Germany that any doubts that I would come back may have been over-ridden by it.

Also I had my own fortune in Germany; two houses, my apartment, and my bank account. Would I leave them behind? They obviously thought not. I was not allowed to take more than four dollars with me.

My American inheritance I did not get. Nazi relatives who shared in the inheritance took care that my part was sent over to Germany where it was confiscated with all my other property.

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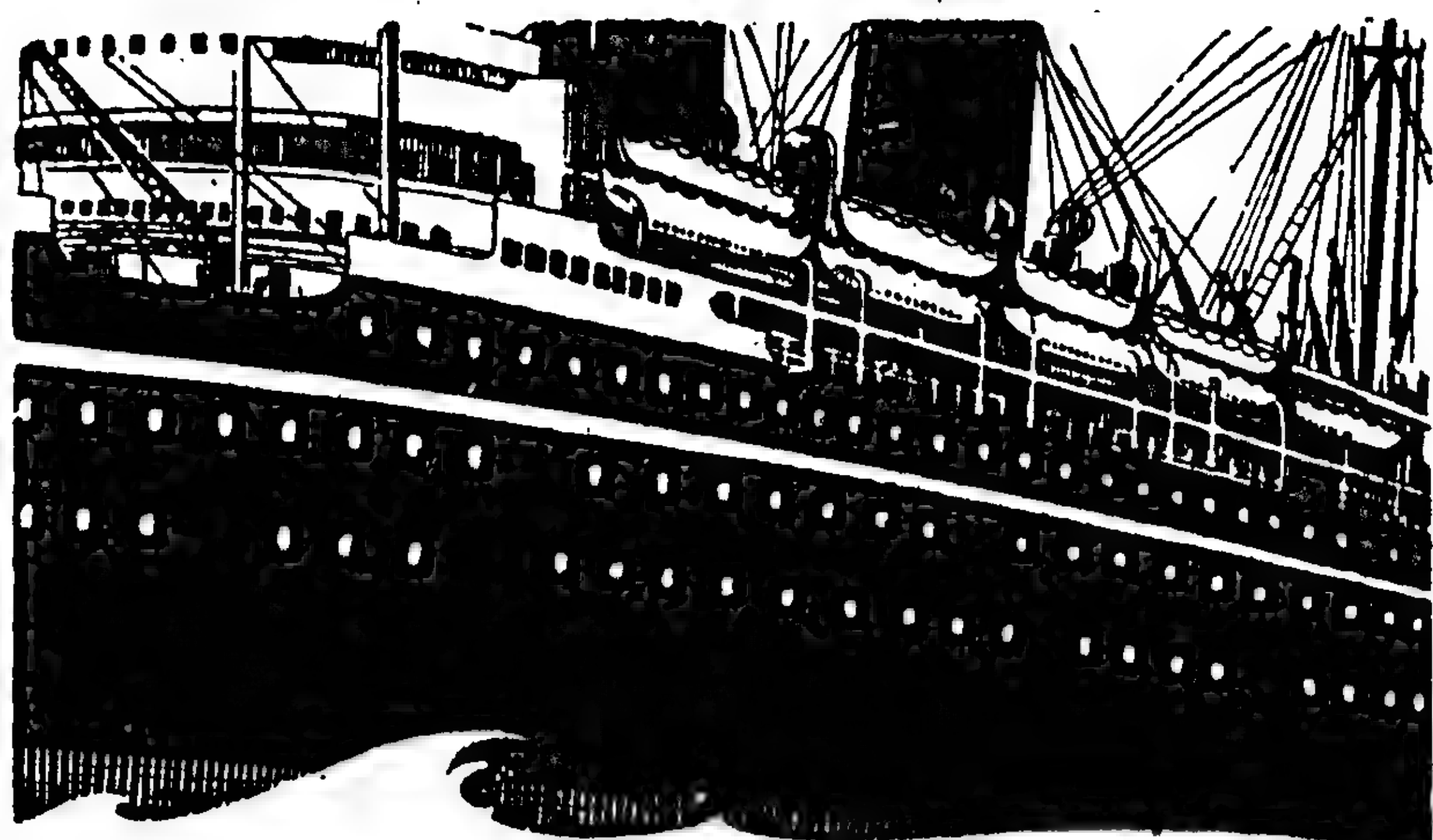
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Shanghai	January 20.
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Straits	January 20.
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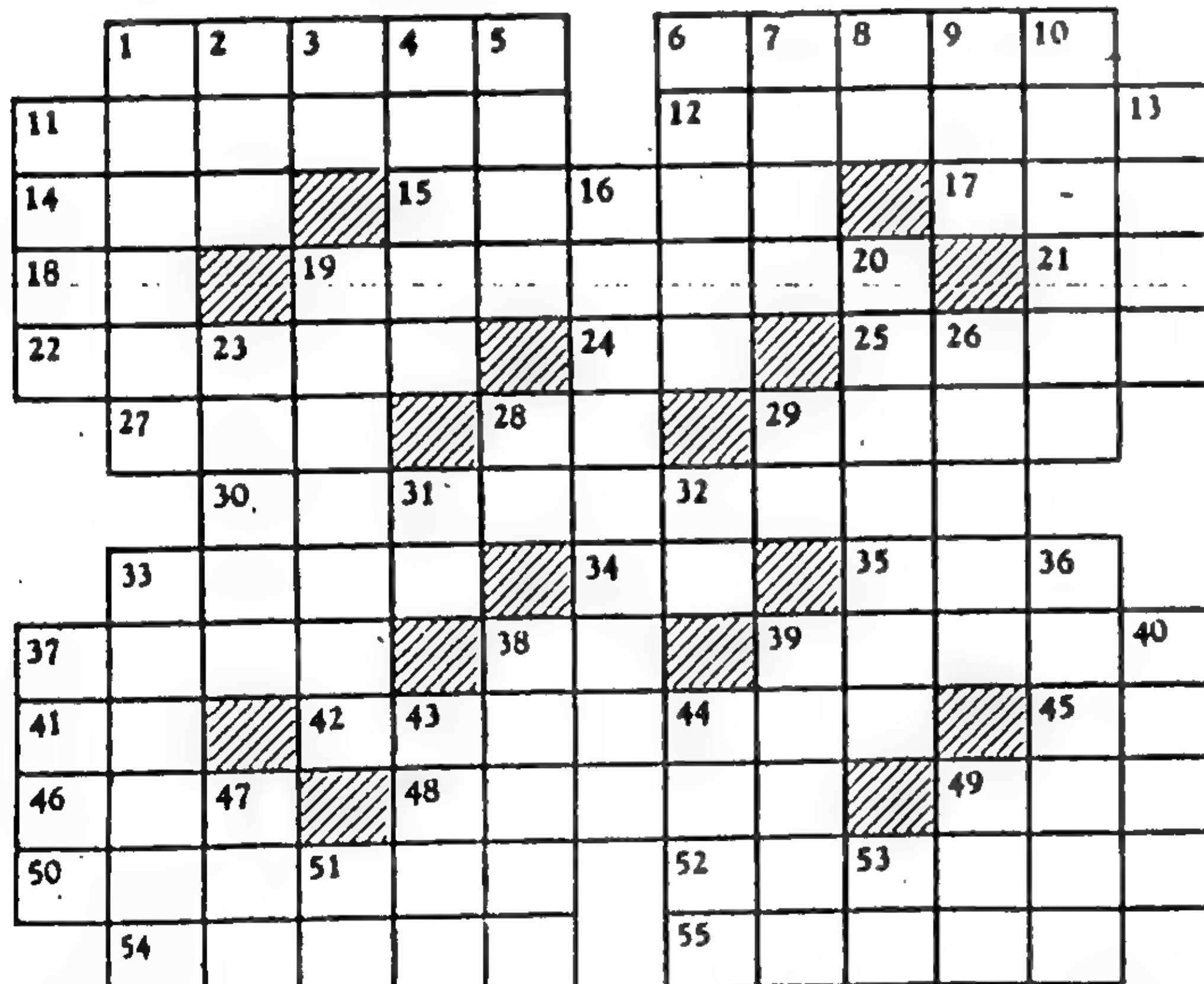
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- 18 Pronoun
- 19 Constellation
- 21 Latin conjunction
- 22 Coniferous tree
- 24 Hebrew letter
- 25 Favourites
- 27 Hindu weight
- 28 Do (mus.)
- 29 Marshes
- 30 Conferred
- 33 Outdoor game
- 34 Hawkheaded deity
- 35 Moisture
- 37 Grief
- 38 Note of scale
- 39 Badge
- 41 Conjunction
- 42 Imbiber

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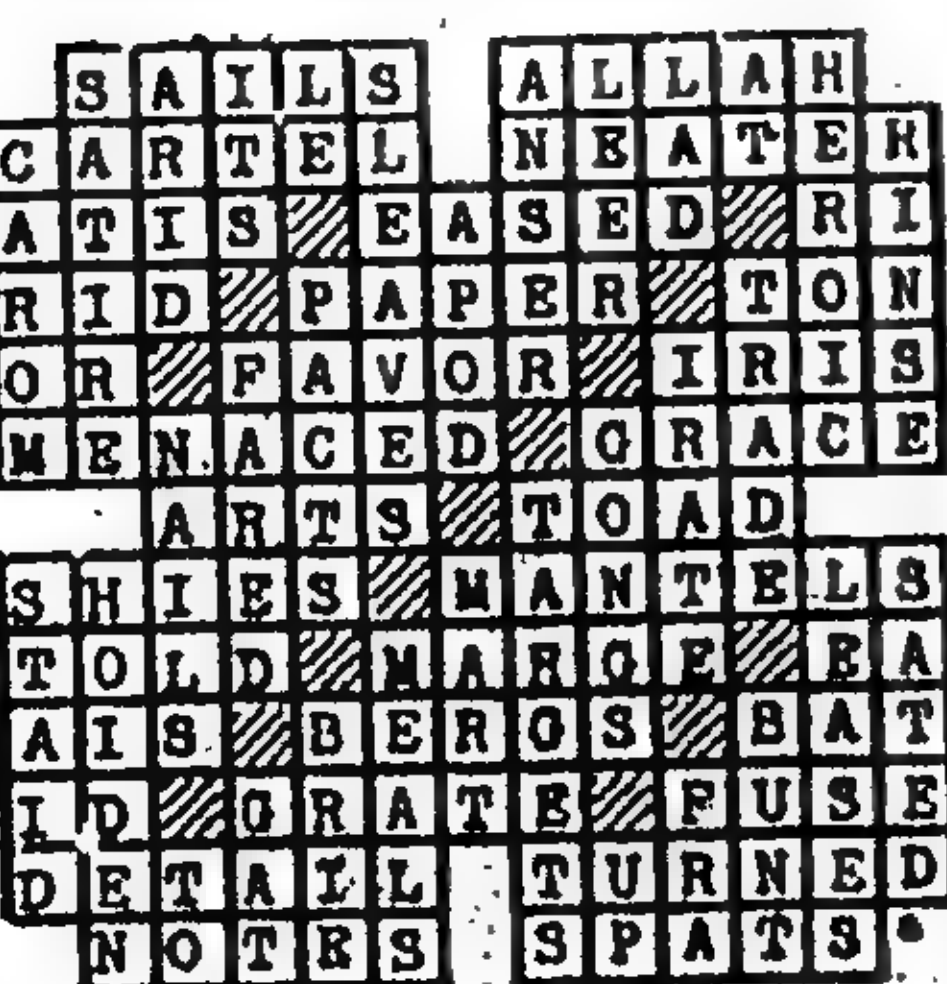
- 45 Prefix: again
- 46 Inlet
- 48 Heavenly being
- 49 For shame!
- 50 Irony
- 52 More parsimonious
- 54 Underworld
- 55 Purport

VERTICAL

- 1 Isolated hills
- 2 Pronoun
- 3 Hypothetical force
- 4 To part
- 5 Chic
- 6 To expunge
- 7 South American country

- 8 Nook
- 9 Spider
- 10 Candles
- 11 Levantine boat
- 13 Profits
- 16 Seizing
- 19 Freed on pledge
- 20 One who hurries
- 23 Ornamental ensemble
- 26 Stopped
- 28 Pronoun
- 29 Length measure (abbr.)
- 31 Japanese drama
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- 36 More cautious
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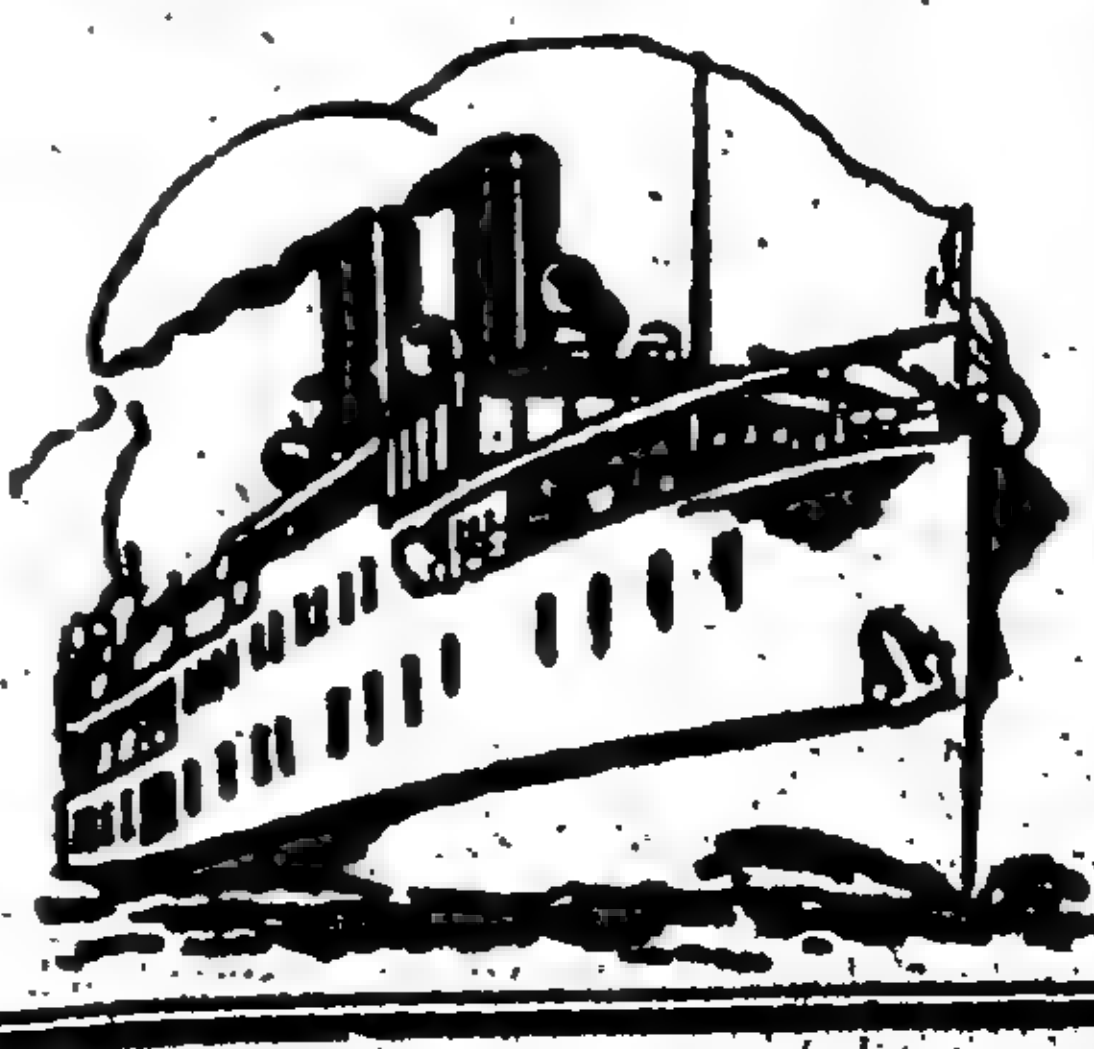
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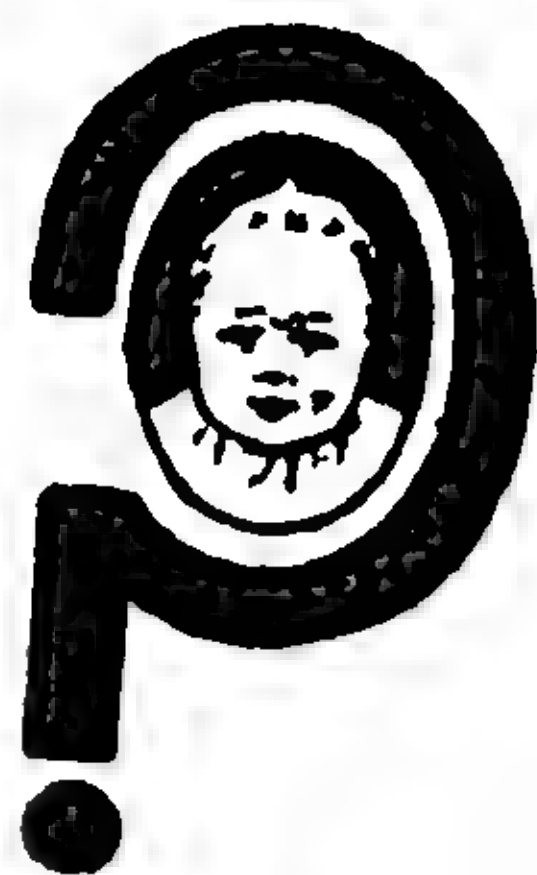
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FORCED SERVICE IN CANADA?

Victoria, British Columbia—Although his own Liberal party has pledged itself to oppose any such policy, T. D. Pattullo, Premier of British Columbia, speaking in the Legislature here recently, advocated the conscription of Canadian man power and money to win the present war.

Mr. Pattullo urged that the Government go further in measures for the prosecution of the war, but that "under no conditions shall we be permitted to advocate that the Government should do less than it is doing. If we do that we perform an act of hostility against the King."

He declared that man power and wealth should be used to every extent expedient and necessary to the preservation of liberty and freedom.

Mr. Pattullo warned the socialistic politicians of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation that no more anti-war speeches would be tolerated in the Legislature.

FREEDOM OF PRESS CITED

Contention that the jurors who convicted two Germans in an espionage case were prejudiced by newspaper articles in the Canal Zone brought from Robert Weinstein, Assistant United States Attorney, a declaration that "the Government can't tell the newspapers what to do as long as we have a Democratic government."

The United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals took under advisement following a hearing, appeals for Hans Henrich Schackow and Ernest Robert Kuhrig, under sentence to two years imprisonment for photographing defence areas at Fort Randolph, Canal Zone.

Attorney Jones T. Prowell argued there was no evidence the defendants intended to injure the United States and that "nothing would have been thought of the matter if the newspapers had not come out the next day with headlines: 'Spies Caught in Canal Zone.'"

LOCAL DOLLAR

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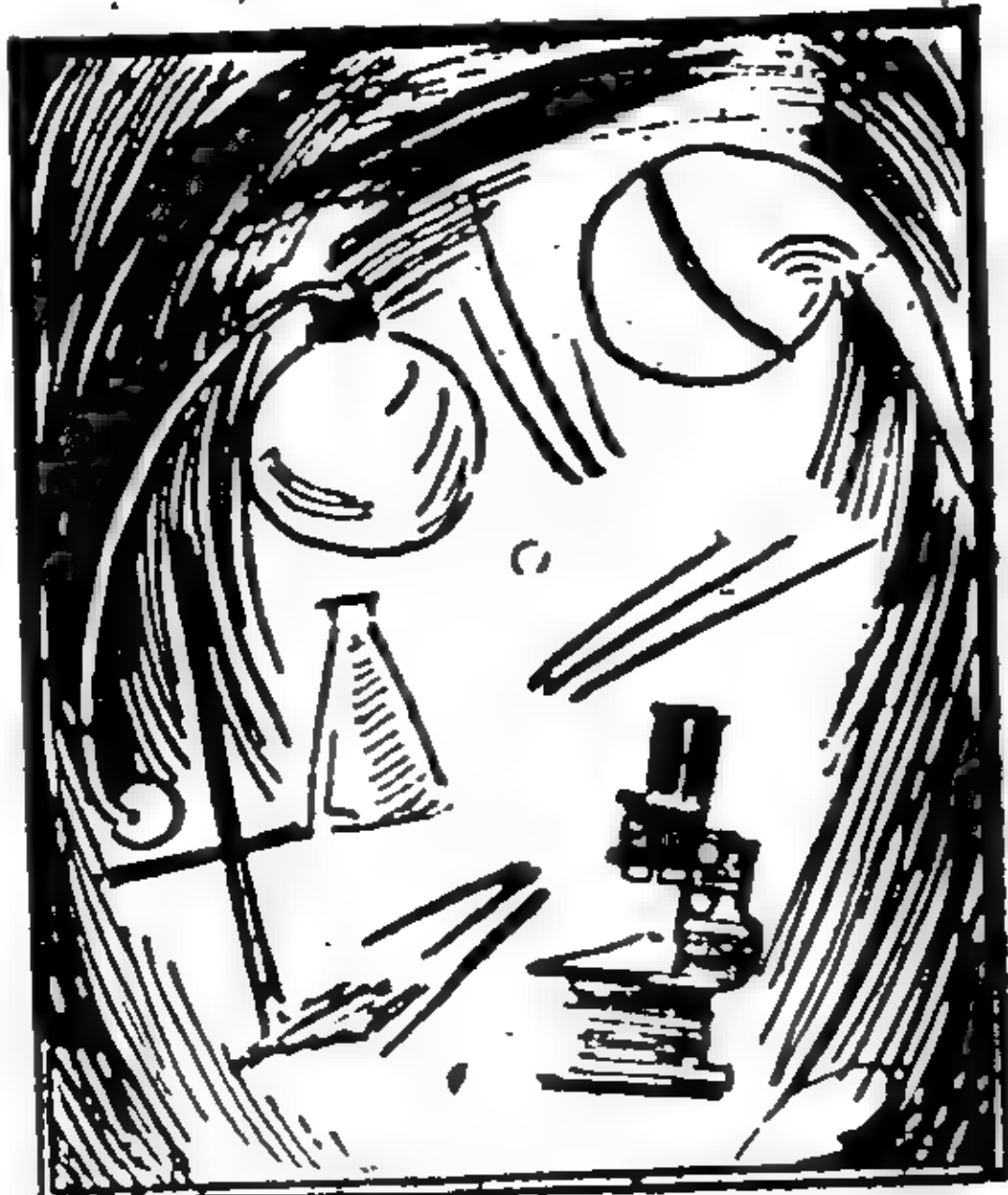
VICTIM OF INSURANCE FRAUD PLOT

On July 30, 1925, Charles Henry Schwartz, chemist and promoter of the Pacific Cellulose Company, remained longer than usual in the test room of the plant in Walnut Creek, Cal. His wife, who was disturbed by his failure to return home at the customary hour, telephoned him and he assured her that he expected to leave in about 20 minutes.

Five minutes after that message had gone over the wire there was a terrific explosion in the laboratory of the company and the plant of the Pacific Cellulose Company from which Schwartz expected to make a fortune was a hopeless wreck.

It was known that the chemist was in the building at the time and as soon as possible the police and firemen and a host of volunteer workers began a search of the ruins. Eventually they discovered a leg sticking out of the doorway of the laboratory in which Schwartz had been conducting his experiments. It was part of a charred and battered corpse which was all but unrecognisable. The body was about the size of the chemist. The remains of the moustache and a few other details satisfied the examiners that it was that of Schwartz. The final clue was a missing tooth in the mouth of the corpse.

It developed that Schwartz had been insured for a large sum — placed by some at \$100,000. It was also known that his business had not been successful. The widow and relatives of the chemist were satisfied with the identification, but the insurance company was not. There was a postmortem and as a result the positive announcement was made that the body was not that of Charles Henry



report of a pistol inside the apartment. When the door was broken down the dead body was found to be that of Charles Henry Schwartz. This time there was no question about the identification. The chemist left a note in which he said he had killed Barbe in self-defence, after the evangelist had attacked him. He caused the explosion to cover up the crime.

It was impossible, however, to make the police believe that the whole

JUDGE ON EX-NAZI'S WORD

Kurt Wilhelm Ludecke, author of the book "I Knew Hitler" and by his own admission a former agent of the Nazi Party in the United States, is having more than ordinary difficulty convincing Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle that he is entitled to American citizenship.

For nearly eight hours, with only one five-minute recess, Judge Tuttle fired questions at Mr. Ludecke and then adjourned the hearing to allow Mr. Ludecke to appear with counsel and "all the witnesses you want."

With a copy of Mr. Ludecke's book and a sheaf of notes gleaned from reading it, Judge Tuttle challenged Mr. Ludecke's sincerity in professing to have turned away from Nazism.

"The fact that I was imprisoned (in a Nazi concentration camp) and that I escaped and wrote the book proves that I am through with the Nazi Party," Mr. Ludecke contended.

affair had not been carefully planned, or that he had not deliberately selected the unfortunate Barbe as his victim in carrying out the insurance plot. But in any event the last experiment of the chemist and inventor was a complete failure.

Witty Kitty



If the boy-friend is as hot as he's supposed to be why is it that he can't prevent cold chills running up and down her spine when the janitor turns off the heat.

By

GEORGE BARTON

Schwartz. The tips of the fingers had been cut off, the face and hands had been covered with acid and — most convincing of all — it was proved that the missing tooth had been chiseled out.

One employee of the works — Joe Rodriguez — was missing, but just when the police had decided to accord him the honour of being the burnt corpse he walked into the station house and assured them that he was alive. In the meantime the police, under the alert direction of Captain Clarence Lee, discovered a number of religious books and hymnals on the floor of the wrecked test room. It recalled the fact that George Barbe, a wandering evangelist, had been in the vicinity of the plant at the time of the explosion. In the end it was proved that he was the dead man.

But what had become of Schwartz? Captain Lee worked rapidly and it was not long before he ascertained that a man resembling the missing chemist had rented a room in an apartment house in Oakland shortly before the explosion. The manager said that at 4 o'clock in the morning after the disaster his tenant had come to him in an excited condition to take possession of the room. He gave his name as Harold Warren. His clothing was torn and his hands and face bruised. He explained his condition by saying he had been in an automobile accident.

One night C. W. Hayward, the manager of the apartment house, saw a picture of the missing Schwartz in a newspaper. He happened to lay his hand across the lower part of the face and was struck with the resemblance it bore to Harold Warren, his new lodger. One had a moustache, the other did not. It required but a few minutes to get in touch with Captain Lee. Two squads of police were hurried to the house, one to cover the front and the other the rear. Manager Hayward tapped on the door and called to his tenant to come out. The tragic response was the muffled

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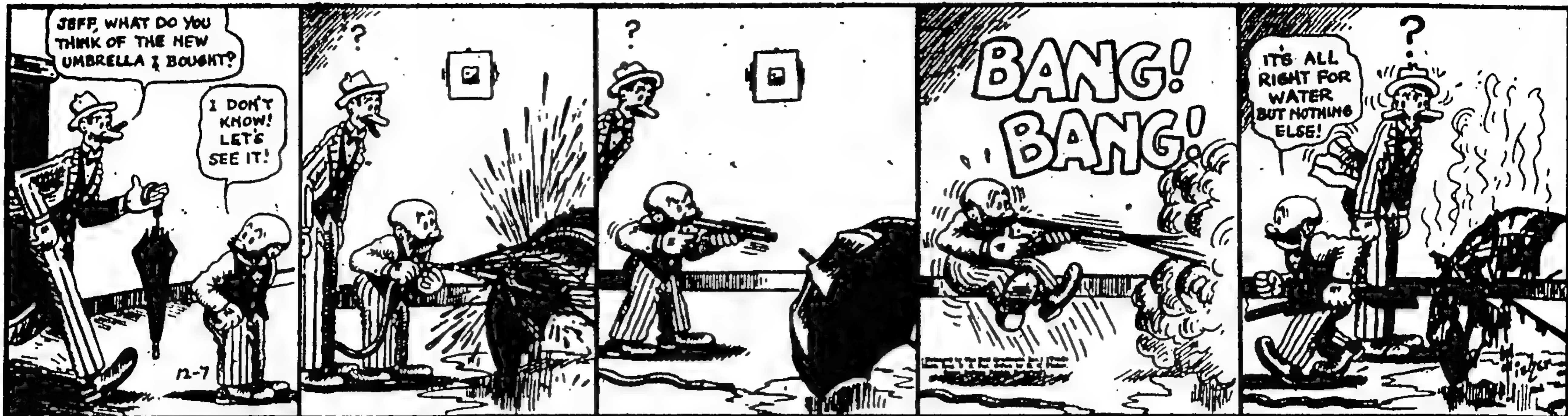
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Fox-Trot—You're The Only Star.
Waltz—Ain't Cha Comin' Out....Dick Ro-bertson & His Orchestra.
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Fox-Trots—Some Other Time; On Treasure Island....Maurice Winnick & His Orch.
Fox-Trot—Take My Heart....Maurice Win-nick & His Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Piano Solos.
Prelude In G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5 (Rach-maninoff)....Mischa Levitzki.
Prelude In B Flat (Rachmaninoff).
Polichinelle (Rachmaninoff).
....Left Poushnoff.

8.15 p.m.—Rachmaninoff — Symphony No. 2 In E Minor, Op. 27. Eugene Ormandy and the Minneapolis Sym-phony Orchestra.

9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Re-cent Events.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-mary.

9.30 p.m.—An Hour of the Latest Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—There's Something Wrong With The Weather....Billy Cotton & His Band.
Quickstep—In The Middle Of A Dream.
Waltz—Love Never Grows Old....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
Rumba Fox-Trot—Lady, Play Your Man-dolin....Havana Novelty Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—I Never Knew Heaven Could Speak (film 'Rose of Washington Square').
Waltz—There's Danger In The Waltz (from 'The little dog laughed')....Victor Sil-vester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

March—The Daughter of Mademoiselle From Armentieres....Harry Roy & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Boom: I Get Along Without You Very Well....Jay Wilbur & His Band.
Beer Barrel Polka....Harry Roy & His Orchestra.

Waltz—Roses Are Blooming In Loveland....The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
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"H.M.S. Pinafore"—Selection (Sullivan)....The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
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Al Sobel, the well-known tourna-ment director, mournfully approached us to describe a hand which he ad-mitted cost him top score in a recent Duplicate game. "While the oppo-nents bid optimistically," said Mr. Sobel, "I could have defeated the hand by a peculiar defensive play."

Duplicate Bridge
South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

Q 10 8 6 3
A Q 10 2
4
A J 7 5
Mr. Sobel
K J 7 4
J 6
5 3
K Q 10
9 3
N
W
S
A 2
A 9 8 7 5
A K Q J
4 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

"I opened the King of clubs," Mr. Sobel explained. "Dummy's Ace won and Declarer then played three top diamonds. I trumped the third round with the heart six and dummy over-trumped with the ten. The heart Queen was then led and my partner's King and my jack fell simultaneously. De-clarer then ran off all his high trumps and his remaining diamond, thereby squeezing me completely. I held on to the club Queen and the King — Jack of spades and of course was thrown in with the club and then

had to lead into the spade tenace. "However, if I had not trumped De-clarer's high diamond, he would have been set. He would have discarded all three of dummy's clubs and then trumped his losing club in dummy. The heart Queen would then be led. My partner would cover and I would then win a trick with the heart Jack and exit by playing my top club. Thus I would not have been squeezed and would have eventually won a trick with the spade King. In my own defence," Mr. Sobel concluded, "I must claim that it was difficult to foresee how the hand would develop."

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner yesterday. Neither side was vulnerable and you held:

J 9 5 4
K 10 9
9 5 4
Q J 2

The bidding:

Burnstone	Maier	You	Jacoby
1♠	2♦	(?)	

ANSWER: You should pass. This hand is not quite strong enough for a free bid of two spades.

Score 100% for pass, 70% for two spades, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 310

You are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

A x
A Q x x x
x x x
K Q x x

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	(?)	

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CRICKET NOTES

AINSLIE BATS WELL

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LAWRENCE'S FINE KNOCK AGAINST C.C.C.

(By "ADREM")

Saturday produced the first draw in a League match; thus far five games having been won outright out of six fixtures. This game was played at the Valley between Civil Service and Royal Air Force and the hitherto not highly-considered C.S.C.C. team displayed their best form.

To thank for their success was G. Ainslie, former C.B.S. boy, who batted extremely well against a fine bowling side to score 86.

He was associated with Victor Bond in a useful fourth wicket partnership and hit 16 boundaries. Another recent member of the C.B.S. team also did well, G. Stone being second-highest scorer with 33.

With the respectable total of 183 behind them there was never much danger of Civil Service being defeated. Actually, had they been able to get rid of W. G. New, who carried his bat for 68 out of 100, there is little doubt that they would have won, as they managed to dispose of all the Air Force's best bats.

Club de Recreio had a bad afternoon against Police, and were up against it throughout. Lewis and Pope, who opened the Police attack, proved much too powerful a combination for the King's Park side and in a very short space of time they lost five of their best wickets for only 19.

Then came a promising stand between A. V. Gosano and G. A. Guterres, which appeared likely to add quite a few. Guterres, however, in having a beat at Danbrowsky's first ball was ruled stumped, a decision which from the pavilion appeared rather doubtful. The outgoing batsman had shaped confidently and was just beginning to open out when dismissed.

GOSANO'S BATTING

A. V. Gosano was rather a surprise. His total experience in cricket has been confined to the last two years and one might have expected rather crude methods. His methods were not crude by any means. He brings his bat down very straight and uses his feet quite nicely.

After his dismissal there was not much more to it. Danbrowsky, bowling some very cunning slows, proved too good. His figures would have been even more impressive had he not come up against J. A. Soares.

Why the latter was not put in earlier is beyond me. He played three beautiful shots off Danbrowsky, all of which went for four, but this effort was too belated as Mendonca was unable to survive Forrest's next over.

At the outset of the Police innings, it appeared that Recreio, as they have a habit of doing, might pull the game off as they had two Police wickets down without a run being scored.

Stephens, in attempting to hook Guterres, failed to get on top of the ball and Soares at square-leg took a simple catch, and Loughlin, in the same over, was caught by Gosano, also off Guterres.

Further success might have attended Recreio's efforts had they accepted a chance offered off his first ball by Pope. Not only was this catch put down, however, but several others that followed.

Tommy Hunter, who batted very nicely for 29, and Pope saw the scores tied and afterwards Danbrowsky scored freely, the Police total being carried to 144 for 9 when stumps were drawn.

Recreio bowling was not very impressive. Guterres tried hard and Gosano kept a good length but it must have been particularly discouraging for these bowlers in having their catches dropped—not a usual habit of the Recreio team.

LAWRENCE HITS HARD

Army's bowling once again let them down. On Saturday, after a shaky start, they put together 142, a fair enough score for a League match. Capt. Whatman made 23 but finest innings of the match was played by Lawrence, who is one of the most dashing batsmen in the Colony.

Lawrence always gives the impression that if he would curb a desire to hit boundaries off every ball he would make a stack of runs. If he doesn't do that now, however, he still plays a brand of cricket that always makes him a pleasure to watch.

Major Swyres also made a useful score, while Q.M.S. Green, who is better known in Army circles for his bowling, took part in a useful last-wicket stand with Swyres.

There was a suggestion of real village cricket about him! With the scores at at least reasonable proportions, Swyres fell to a first-class running catch by Finch in the outfield.

Army's limited stock of bowlers tried hard but without much success—Youngsaye and Hung scored freely and although Craigen-gower then fell behind the clock, a good innings by Finch helped to rectify matters and with Omar doing his bit, the game was won in the last over of the day. Craigen-gower gave a sound all-round display, although I think the Army Captain might have tried Whatman as a bowler—his left hand swingers can be most disconcerting.

University 2nd XI, despite all the rude things that have been said about them, started off their League programme quite promisingly and if there had been a bit more batting in the side might have done even better.

K.C.C. took first use of the wicket and, as usual, were given a splendid start by Mulcahy and Francis Lay. The former batted really well, while Lay was his usual solid self.

The two erstwhile members of the First Team, Baxter and Broadbridge, did well to score 16 and 20, respectively. Curtis also distinguished himself with an enterprising knock of 24 not out. He is certainly a find for the Champions as he is easily their steadiest bowler.

University's earlier batsmen could not get going, although Kenneth Lo was shaping well before being beaten by one of Curtis' best deliveries. Chin played a valuable innings, hitting hard if not always correctly for 44.

Curtis was easily the best K.C.C. bowler, taking 5 for 19 in a little over eight overs, while Baxter also took a couple of useful wickets.

REV. SARGENT IN COLONY

Rev. C. B. R. Sargent, former headmaster of Diocesan Boys' School and one of the most enthusiastic cricket members of Kowloon Cricket Club, is now in the Colony on a brief visit.

This afternoon, at D.B.S., he will lead a team against the School.

Rev. Sargent is now Bishop of Fukien Province.

ARMY CRICKET

BAILEY'S BIG SCORE

Royal Engineers scored an easy victory over the Royal Air Force at cricket at Sookunpoo yesterday.

R.A.F.	
New, c Pelham, b Denyer	31
Lillie, c Carpenter, b Cork	6
Palling, b Radcliffe	0
Nancarrow, b Denyer	5
Waddington, b Ship	3
King, b Denyer	4
Bartlett, c Goodman, b Denyer	0
Goodwin, b Denyer	3
Harrison, c and b Denyer	3
Gillespie, not out	2
Lewis, run out	1
Extras	15
Total	73

Bowling: Denyer six for 11, Radcliffe 1 for 9, Cork 1 for 18, Ship 1 for 17.

ROYAL ENGINEERS	
Bailey retired	85
Pellen, b Nancarrow	2
Radcliffe retired	50
Wilkinson, c Waddington, b Nancarrow	15
Green, run out	6
Tate, not out	12
Goodman, b Nancarrow	0
Cork, not out	3
Extras	18
Total	191

Ship, Denyer and Carpenter did not bat.
Bowling: Nancarrow three for 44.

FINCHER'S CENTURY IN GLASSES!

(By "ADREM")

Kowloon Cricket Club seniors had a field-day on Saturday at Hong Kong Cricket Club, where they ran up the huge total of 234 for 4 in about 90 minutes.

For this they had to thank Ernie Fincher, Duggie Hung, and to a less degree, Donald Anderson.

Anderson and Hung opened. The former was dropped by Fortescue behind the wicket before he had scored and for a long time was unable to get the ball away.

Hung, however, was in great form and batted more attractively than he has done hitherto this season, to score 43, which included eight fours.

DOMINATES SCORING
Fincher got going as soon as he reached the wicket and completely dominated the scoring. Dropped by McLellan, at slip, before he had scored very many, he hit no fewer than 18 boundaries in his 101 scored out of 172.

It is interesting to note that Fincher batted in glasses for the second time. On the first occasion, against Civil Service, he was run out before reaching 20. I don't think he will be at all chary about batting in them again!

Club's bowling was not good apart from Perry and a few nice ones from John Pearce, and, on the easy wicket, it was not surprising that they had a pretty sorry time of it.

Richardson and Fortescue gave Club a good start. The latter made 23 but I am told was not very impressive. "Dickie" Richardson, on the other hand, batted really well, hitting a six and 13 boundaries in his 73.

There was not very much else to the Club innings although they were never in any real danger of defeat.

Goodwin made a welcome reappearance to the K.C.C. side but is evidently in need of a spot of nets!

CLUB'S FINE WIN
Club second eleven did very well to win against I.R.C. The latter opened quite steadily but Rumjahn was extremely lucky in being given not out to a catch behind the wicket off Charlton.

When the opening pair looked like settling down, a change in the bowling saw the partnership broken and, with the two following men going cheaply, things looked dark for the home side until Ismail came in and let out at everything—not classic but useful. The fall did not wag however and the innings was over in just under two hours, for 166.

K. M. Rumjahn was by far the best bat in the home side and his innings was well worth watching.

Rozack lifted a few dangerously but luckily just out the reach of the fielders. Club's fast bowlers were disappointing although Dow was handicapped by a badly cut left hand.

Robb bowled steadily, apart from one or two loose ones, with his high delivery proving deceptive.

The out-fielding was not good, though four "cripples" were included in the side. Special mention should be made of Parson's catch to dismiss M. R. Abbas.

When the visitors batted, the Indian bowlers gained a brief ascendancy, Bishop and Paterson going cheaply, but Parsons and Armstrong brought the score up, though very slowly indeed.

When Parsons went, Booker watched one right on to the wicket, Mitchell followed to a good catch in the outfield and then Armstrong mis-hit Barma to put the Club in a bad way. Potter, however, came to the rescue and, with a good, though perhaps not classic innings, with help from Robb, the Club just managed to get ahead of the clock and, in fact, the winning hit was scored in the last over.

Indian bowling lacked variety. Y. T. Barma with his deceptive fighting of the ball, proving the most dangerous. The fielding was poor, several sitters being bungled.

K.C.C. TEAMS

The following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club in their League games with Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday:

First XI (Home)—F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, N. A. E. Mackay, N. D. Lloyd, D. Hung, W. T. Rapley, A. Zimmern and T. A. Madar.

Second XI (Away)—W. Mulcahy, G. E. Taylor, G. A. Goodman, R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, T. J. Lay, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, E. A. J. Ship, and G. A. C. Hill and M. C. Curtis.



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Following are this week's soccer fixtures:—

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Kotewall Cup Competition
Army v Navy
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Referee:—Silva.

SATURDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1940

Senior Shield 2nd Round
S. China "B" v St. Joseph's
(Caroline Hill 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Beard.
Linesmen:—Banham and Adlard.

First Division
Police v Kowloon
(Boundary Road 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Ip.
Linesmen:—Wyper and Copsey.

Navy v Eastern
(Causeway Bay 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Ford.

Linesmen:—Carley and Baker.
Club v Kwong Wah
(Club 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Hinchliffe.
Linesmen:—Ient and Pearson.

Junior Shield Replay 1st Round
Kowloon v 24th R.A.
(Kowloon 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Stokes.

Electric v S. China "A"
(Caroline Hill 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Silva.

Junior Shield (Second Round)
Eastern v Engineers
(Club 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Mitchell.

Second Division "A"
R.A.O.C. v 30th R.A.
(Sookunpoo 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Glover.

5th R.A. v 8th R.A.
(St. Joseph's 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Omar.

Second Division "B"
University v Signals
(Kowloon 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Foster.

Third Division
International v Kumaons
(Military 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Hobson.

Royal Scots v Engineers
(St. Joseph's 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Smith.

R.A.M.C. v 5th R.A.
(Military 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Dove.

SUNDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1940

Kotewall Cup Competition
South China v Army or Navy
(Caroline Hill 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—Minniham.
Linesmen:—Foster and Goss.

Third Division
R.A.S.C. v Electric
(Sookunpoo 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Barretto.

24th R.A. v 12th R.A.
(Sookunpoo 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Phillips.

South China v Signals
(Caroline Hill 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Horlock.



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NON-CLUB MEN WOULD BENEFIT

(By "ADREM")

Discussion at Recreio on Saturday, where Volunteers played the Champions in a whole day cricket game, centred on the possibility of the Corps taking over the Navy ground in King's Park, now being allowed to go to seed.

RUGBY

MEDICALS BEATEN BY NAVY "A"

Aided by several of their first team players, a Navy "A" fifteen overwhelmed Royal Army Medical Corps by a goal and four tries (17 points) to a try (3 points) in a friendly Rugby game at Causeway Bay yesterday.

The Navy included two Australian Naval Reservists in Little and Johnstone and both played well in their respective positions.

The Navy combined better and were safer in their handling. Medicals spoiled many good movements by faulty passing or handling.

The outstanding player in the Medical team was Leigh at forward who has not played much Rugby this season.

The Navy soon asserted their superiority and were soon in the lead when Little went over for a try which Jeffries converted. The last named player and Carter scored further tries before the interval.

In the second period, Leigh, who was prominent among the forwards, scored the only try for Medicals and after that Navy added further tries through O'Riordan and Teare.

As the Navy were one player short, Lieut. Carter, who was to have refereed the game, played, and Major Harvey of Medicals officiated.

Navy. — Mid Roe; Mne. Jeffries, Mid. Teare, Little, Bowden, Carter, Mid. O'Riordan; L. S. A. Palmer, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Ldg. Sig. Ferris; A.B. Jeffery, Johnstone, Paul; C. Wtr. King, Pay. Sub. Lt. Summer.

R.A.M.C. — Pte. Morgan; Pte. MacDonald, Cpl. Hanlan, Pte. Wigglesworth, Pte. Milne; Pte. Whybro, Cpl. Edge; Cpl. Van Millingen, Cpl. Chandler, Pte. Funnell; Pte. Bishop, Howe; Pte. Mohan, Leigh, Pte. Minney.

CLUB "A" TEAM

Following will represent Club "A" against Kai Tak to-day at the Valley at 4.45 p.m.:—R. Rutherford; R. M. Lavalle, D. Hynes, P. B. Wilson and H. van Leeuwen (Captain); A. H. R.

It is certainly not in the best condition, although, I believe, unofficial efforts are being made by a Naval enthusiast to keep the ground in some sort of shape pending Navy's return to the game locally.

One of the most nicely situated grounds in the Colony in the matter of lighting and general convenience, it seems a great pity that it is not being made use of.

Various reasons have been put forward regarding the reason for Navy's discontinuance of its cricket activities, the general one being the War.

COULD GET SIDES

I have, nevertheless, been told by someone well-informed, that Navy could turn out the sides quite easily and that the real reason for the closing of the ground is that those in authority are reluctant to spend the money necessary for its maintenance.

That may or may not be correct, the fact remains it is now going to waste.

If the Volunteers are prepared to take it over, I don't suppose for one moment that the Navy would adopt a dog-in-the-mangerish attitude. It would be in the interests of all concerned to have the ground put in the right condition again.

With a ground of their own, Volunteers would be able to arrange fixtures right through the season, and Sunday cricket, which is very popular with a large section of the cricket public, would be placed on a sounder footing than ever before.

In addition Corps would be able to use the ground for hockey and, largest consideration, would be able to revive their annual athletic meeting, the ground being ideal for the purpose in addition to providing much-needed training facilities.

NON-CLUB MEN

It will be argued that most members of the Corps who play games are well looked after in their own clubs but I have little doubt that there are hundreds, who do not belong to clubs, who would be glad to avail themselves of an opportunity to play games.

I understand that there is a movement afoot to secure the ground for the Volunteers and it will be of interest to all Volunteers to see if anything comes of it.

Butcher and C. G. Tresidder; W. Stoker, R. G. Castleton, E. W. Stout; R. M. M. King, L. A. Benn; J. Redman, J. Roscoe and R. Leigh.

ARMY TEAM CHOSEN

Following will represent Army against Club's Interport fifteen at Sookunpoo on Saturday next at 4.00 p.m.:—L/Cpl. Picton R.E.; L/Bdr. Richards 8th H.R.A.; L/Cpl. Waite R.E.; Tel. Paul Navy and Sappre. Artingstall R.E.; Capt. Hook R.A. and L/Cpl. Foley R.E.; Lieut. Hewitt Mdx. R. Corpl. Sutherland R.S.; Pte. Berry Mdx. R.; L/Bdr. Evans 5th A.A.R.A.; Sergt. Page 5th A.A.R.A.; Lieut. Pinkerton R.S.; Corpl. Brinkley R.E. and Lieut. Cuthbertson R.S.

Reserves:—Boindr. Marsh 8th H.R.A. and Corpl. Sheldrake R.E.

In order to strengthen the threequarter line Paul, Navy's star back, has been included.

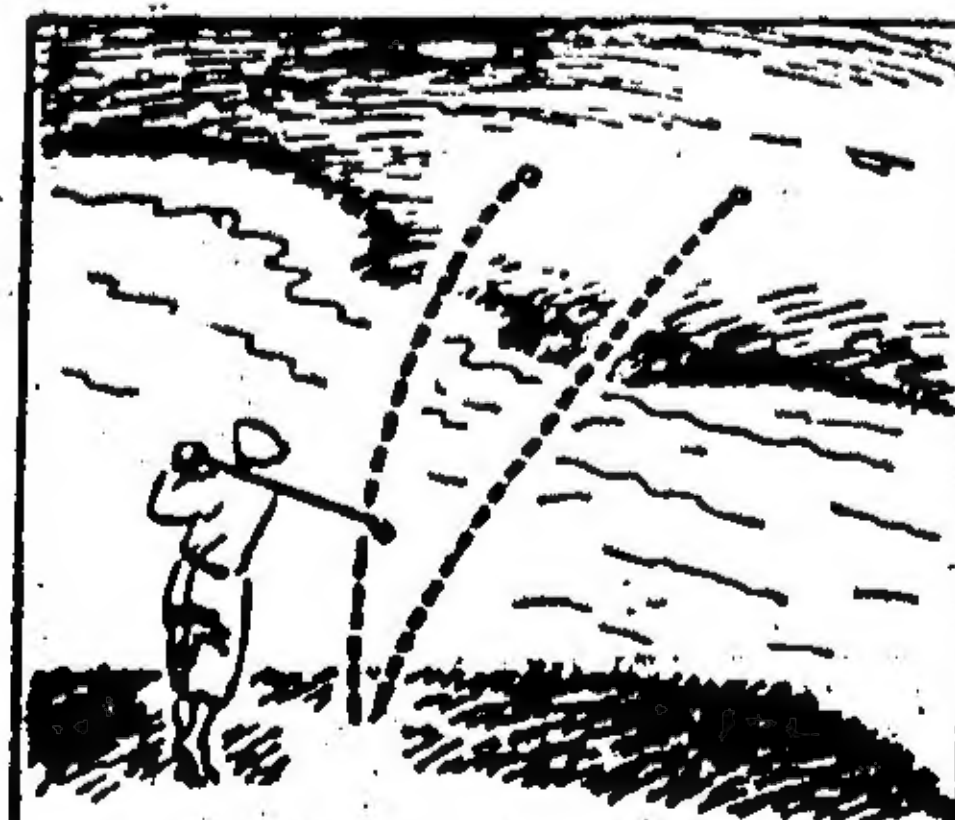
CHOOSING THE WATER ROUTE

By BEST BALL

Well placed accurate shots pay a premium in golf. Indeed there seems to be a tendency among the pros to put accuracy above distance for with the more lively golf ball to-day, a hard hit ball may have just enough slicing or hooking spin to carry it yards away from its intended destination. Far better to place the ball to some spot on the fairway that will afford a strategic resting place, instead of hitting it all out and having it come to rest yards further along but in some discouraging hazard. This same idea is applicable to shots which must carry a water hazard of considerable width.

Faced with a water carry the ordinary player is seldom certain he is going to make it. Yet instead of picking the narrowest part, consistent with direction, he generally drives the ball straight in the direction of the hole despite the fact that the ball must pass over a greater expanse of water. If it falls short, as it often does, the player's tension

GRAPHIC GOLF



GOLFER UNSURE OF LENGTH SHOULD PLAY THE SHORTER SAFER SHOT OVER WATER HAZARD

grows along with increasing anxiety so that it is not an uncommon sight to see two or three balls follow the first attempt into the pond. Play it safe over the narrowest part, even though it means making up yardage later. It's easier on the nerves and the score-card.
Friday—Curling 'A' Slice.

BADMINTON

TAIKOO'S FIRST WIN

Taikoo scored their first victory of the season last night in Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League. They beat Kowloon Cricket Club, who turned out a much-depleted team, by the large margin of 8-1.

Only success scored by the Kowloon side was when J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Stokes beat O. Gillies and Miss Cunningham by 21-6.

J. Clarke and Mrs. Beattie and Mr. and Mrs. R. Main won all their three games.

K.C.C. must now be considered strong favourites for the wooden-spoon!

J. Clarke and Mrs. Beattie (Taikoo).
beat J. L. Anderson and Miss Stokes 21-12
beat A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Smeby 21-10
beat J. Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7
R. Main and Mrs. Main (Taikoo).
beat Anderson and Miss Stokes 21-8
beat Fisher and Mrs. Smeby 21-8
beat Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7
O. Gillies and Miss Cunningham (Taikoo).
lost to Anderson and Miss Stokes 6-21
beat Fisher and Mrs. Smeby 23-22
beat Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7

ST. JOHN'S SHOULD BEAT KING'S

(By "ADREM")

Prior to last week I would have rated the match in "B" Division of the Badminton League scheduled to be played to-night, between St. John's and King's, as being likely to be one of the finest of the season.

Having watched King's being beaten by Recreio last week, however, I now have little doubt that St. John's will win handsomely.

Recreio are entertaining Kowloon Tong and in view of their discovery of form, should not have a great deal of difficulty in winning although the suburban team is capable of causing an upset if taken lightly.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

PROGRAMME

"B" DIVISION

V. R. C. v. K. C. C.
St. John's v. King's College
Recreio v. Kowloon Tong

V.R.C.—P. Gutterres and A. K. Rumjahn; D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn; J. Souza and F. Castro.

K.C.C.—J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher; J. R. Turner and H. S. Jones; B. C. Kevan and P. Wynter-Blyth.

KING'S—H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui; S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung; W. M. Cheung and S. W. Liang.

RECREIO—A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros; R. A. Marques and H. Gonsalves; N. A. Beltrao and R. A. Yvanovich.

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